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SENSATIONAL HAPPENINGS IN CANTON.

RUSSIAN WOMEN KILLED WHEN RESISTING.

CONSUL-GENERAL FLEES.

Reports from an authoritative source indicate that the Canton authorities on Tuesday made a raid on the Soviet Consulate General and that considerable resistance was offered when the Chinese military entered the building. During the course of the struggle, two Russian women, members of the Consulate staff, are stated to have been shot dead.

The Soviet Consul-General appears to have made his escape prior to the raid, but amongst those arrested was the Vice-Consul, who, with others, was shackled and taken in procession to the City Prison. Some are said to have been since executed.

Five other Russians, suspected of "Red" activities, had a rough time on being taken to the Prison. "Crowds of Chinese surrounded them and horribly mutilated a number, who were eventually taken to prison in a state of collapse.

Meanwhile, the rounding up of Communists, Russians and Chinese, is continuing, and in this connection it is said that fourteen Chinese women and girls were shot dead in the street during Tuesday's operations. A report received as we go to press says 13 more Russians were executed outside the Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

ROUND-UP OF "REDS" CONTINUES.

Through a reliable source, the information has been obtained by a Telegram representative that a raid was carried out by the Fokien troops of General Li Fuk-lum on Canton, on Tuesday, but, before he immediately returned to Hongkong, the Consul-General, who was long, it is also learned that he, apparently informed of the intention of the British resident of Hongkong, had made his own preparations. When the troops had to be accorded the personal entrance to the building, they found care of the new Chief of Police, the whole subordinate staff intact, during the whole time he was in the building, including the Vice-Consul, the heart of the city. When he realised what their fate was, he was induced to abandon his business, most likely to be, if they fell into the hands of Fokien, the Russians, the hands of Fokien, the Russians, put up a struggle, and two Russian women members of the Soviet staff, who resisted strongly, were shot down summarily and killed. Their remains were left in the building, while the remaining members, including the Vice-Consul, were herded together, shackled and taken in a procession to the City Gaol.

Crowd Attacks Russians.

This drastic measure was taken in pursuance of an order from General Li Fuk-lum, it is stated, for the rounding-up of all suspicious-looking foreigners, with particular reference to Russians. In the course of a thorough combing of the city, raids were also carried out on haunts frequented by radical Labour Union leaders. A number of these were frog-marched through the streets and forced to run the gauntlet of infuriated crowds who were thoroughly incensed at the recent outrages and the sight of their ruined homes. These Russians were practically given over to the mercies of the mob, who carried out dreadful mutilations on the prisoners. More dead than alive, the unfortunate Russians, still hand-cuffed and shackled, were at length herded into the City Prison to await further measures may have been contemplated by the Chinese authorities. Later information says they were executed at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

It is learned that the Russian Soviet staff is being incarcerated in the City Prison, and it is feared that in the case of the Vice-Consul, who, in the absence of his Chief, is bearing the brunt of the storm of anti-Communist wrath, will be given but a summary hearing and shot. Attempts have been made to obtain the intervention of the Foreign Consular Body at Shanghai, with what result it is not yet known.

Arrested German Released.

So thorough and drastic were the measures adopted for the rounding-up of the "Reds," Russian and Chinese, that it is still dangerous for a foreigner to venture into the heart of the City.

THE NEW IDEA OF "EMPIRE."

SPEECH BY MR RAMSEY MACDONALD.

"A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE."

London, Dec. 15. Presiding at the annual meeting of the British branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association, the Premier expressed his cordial appreciation of the invitation issued by the Canadian branch to send a British delegation to visit Canada in September, 1928. He hoped that all parties in the House would see that the delegation would be really representative of the different parties and in every way a first-class delegation. He had found during his visit to Canada that there was a great deal of work that British representatives could do there in explaining British problems. One of the most important parts of the work of the delegation would be to make Canadians understand our difficulties which were infinitely greater and enormously different from those that existed in the New World, and at the same time they would be able to see for themselves what were the difficulties and problems in Canada.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, said that what was felt so much at the moment regarding the consideration of the British Empire, more particularly with regard to the self-governing Dominions, was the fundamental change since 1914. In the evolution of nationality we were up against new kinds of problems altogether. It was not by mere sentimental agreement on home possible formula, that we could solve these problems. It was largely the tradition of what we were and had been and our spiritual view that was to be the final bond that would bind the Empire together. The very word "Empire" had got a new meaning within our own lifetime. It was one of the most wonderful constitutional evolutions that had taken place and it demanded parliamentary and personal contact between all its parts.—British Wireless.

CANTON'S REIGN OF TERROR.

PICTURES IN TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

To-morrow's Telegraph will contain an unusually interesting collection of local pictures.

Elouquent of the death and destruction enacted at Canton during the "Red" reign of terror last week-end, are the special pictures we are reproducing, these showing gutted buildings and the dead bodies of rebels lying in the streets after the soldiers had regained control on Tuesday.

In addition, there will be pictures of the Volunteers in Camp; the finalists at play in the bowls championship played at Kowloon Dock last Saturday; and also the winners of the Spay Royal Cup, the wedding group taken last Saturday when Lieut. Wailes, R.N., was married to Miss Baldwin; and a group photograph of the V.R.C. water polo team which won the championship this year.

R.A.F. FLIGHT.

FLYING BOATS REACH BOMBAY.

Bombay, Dec. 15. The four Royal Air Force flying boats which are proceeding to the Far East have arrived here from Karachi.—Reuter.

PARLIAMENTARY RECESS.

London, Dec. 15. The Premier has announced that Parliament will be prorogued on Thursday next and that the new session will begin on February 7th.—British Wireless.

TO-DAY.

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THE RACES.

INCREASE OF STAKES FOR 1928.

MORE RACES FOR SUBS.

(By "Wireless").

The Hongkong Jockey Club closed their racing season on 26th November last, and it has been a very successful year; in fact, it can be considered a record in their racing annual. There were more events than any previous years and the fields on the whole were exceptionally good, especially in the Handicap Races. The finishes were full of thrills, with big dividends to those who were trying their luck on outsiders.

1928 Race Meeting.

The draft programme for the 1928 annual Race Meeting is out. The Meeting is scheduled to take place on the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 18th February next. In view of the keen racing, there are eleven events each day and the Stewards are to be congratulated in providing an additional race each day for the Subscription Grifins which will undoubtedly meet the long-felt desire of owners. The races confined to Sub-Grifins of this Season 1927/1928 are as follows:

1st Day.—The Wong-Nai-Chong Stakes, the Valley Stakes, and the Kalkari Plate.

2nd Day.—The Sub-Grifins Challenge Cup and the Peking Plate.

3rd Day.—The Hongkong Stakes, the Leighton Hill Stakes and the Nil Desperandum Stakes.

4th Day.—The Tytam Handicap, "A" and "B" Classes, and the Professional Cup.

In addition to the above, the Sub-Grifins are also eligible for the Garrison Cup, the Royal Navy Cup and the Gymkhana Stakes.

Stakes Increased.

The stake-money of several classic races has been increased, notably the Hongkong Derby and the Champion Stakes, from \$2,000 to \$3,000, apart from the Sweepstakes; the Jockey Club Cup from \$600 to \$1,000, and the Trial Plate from \$600 to \$750. I understand the increase is a sort of inducement to Shanghai owners to bring their ponies down.

Conditions Modified.

The conditions of the Chater Cup have been slightly modified, for before they were "For China Ponies, Grifins and Sub-Grifins of 1926, that have run in at least three Extra Meetings in Hongkong during the Season 1926" and now they are "For China Ponies, that have run in at least three Extra Meetings in Hongkong during the Season 1927, one or more of such meetings previous to 1st July 1927, and one or more subsequent to that date." This will debars many good ponies such as City Hall, Town Hall, Castle Hill, San Francisco Bay, San Diego, Warrington, and some others, and a keen race is assured among the Extra Meeting ponies.

In the Ladies' Purse, in former years jockeys who have won five or more flat races in Hongkong or China, had an impost of 5lbs. extra, and Shanghai jockeys will no doubt welcome the news that this penalty has been revoked.

The Governor's Cup, presented by His Excellency the Governor, will be run off on the First Day instead of the Third Day and the Poochow Cup is transferred to the Third Day.

New Sub-Grifins.

While the Extra Meeting ponies are having a fortnight's rest, the training of the Subscription Grifins 1927/1928 is now in full swing, and there are in all 64. They have all been measured and no doubt racing fans will be interested to know their names, which are as follows:

Mr. R. M. Austin's, (dun), Cat Call.
Mr. R. M. Austin's, (black), Social Call.
Mr. C. E. Brown's, (black), Pitchfork.
Messrs. Detelhe and Sousa's, (grey), Tara Tarkaa.
Mr. C. T. C.'s, (chestnut), Southern Stag.
Mr. C. T. C.'s, (grey), Northern Stag.

Messrs K. H. Chun and Liang's, (light roan), Fook Shan.
Mr. Dynasty's, (spotted roan), King Constantin.
Mr. Dynasty's, (Iron Grey), King Ethelred.
Mr. L. Dunbar's, (chestnut), Bay of Iceland.
Mr. L. Dunbar's, (grey), Bay of Greenland.

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MORE SEDITIOUS PAMPHLETS.

NEARLY A HUNDRED SEIZED.

SEVEN ARRESTS MADE.

A raid carried out at No. 2, Wai Ching Street by a party of detectives, last night, resulted in the seizure of 98 pamphlets, which, on being translated, were found to contain seditious passages. Six men and one woman were taken into custody from the house and they appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of possession of seditious literature.

Sergeant Hayward said that when the police visited the house, they met one of the defendants on the staircase. As soon as he saw the detectives, he threw away a bundle of papers and shouted, a warning to the inmates of the flat. Two other men were later seen to throw away bundles of paper, while the first defendant was trying to stuff some pamphlets up a drain pipe. In all, 98 pamphlets were found.

The case was adjourned till next Friday for other documents to be translated.

FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.

OLIVE BRANCH BY MUSSOLINI.

Rome, Dec. 15.

Signor Mussolini, in reporting to the Cabinet as regards Franco-Italian relations in the light of the Franco-Yugoslav and Italo-Albanian Treaties, said he believed that a cordial and durable understanding with France was not only possible and desirable but necessary. The regular diplomatic representatives would shortly examine these problems which were neither grave nor insoluble. A logical sequence would be a meeting of the responsible Ministers of both countries to set the seal on an agreement.

Referring to the domestic situation, Signor Mussolini dwelt on the innocuousness of the surviving anti-Fascist remnants and the tranquillity of the country. He said that 250 out of the 600 persons confined on "Islands" would shortly be released. He had ordered the release of all those guilty of offences against himself.—Reuter.

PLUCKY MOTORISTS.

BEATING ENDURANCE RECORD.

London, Dec. 15.

After repairs to their car, necessitated by yesterday's accident, the Honourable Victor and Mrs. Bruce re-started at Menthery this morning, in their attempt at record breaking in a ten days' endurance test.

The 15 hours lost time will lower their average but as they had gained 25 hours advance on the full 15,000 mile record they are still ten hours ahead.—British Wireless.

PREMIUM BONDS.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

London, Dec. 15.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked in the House of Commons to consider the advisability of issuing premium bonds as a means of raising revenue, and said that no proposal could escape examination, but it did not follow that any such proposal would survive.—British Wireless.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGE.

BRITISH MINISTER TO LATVIA.

London, Dec. 15.

Mr. Joseph Addison, C.M.G., Counsellor of the British Embassy at Berlin, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Riga, Reval and Koyno.—British Wireless.

SURPRISE PRAYER BOOK VOTE

HOUSE OF COMMONS REJECT REVISION.

A TOTALLY UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS.

PREMIER'S FUTILE PLEA.

According to Reuter messages received during the course of the morning the House of Commons, by 247 votes to 205, has defeated the Prayer Book revision measure, which was earlier in the week approved by the House of Lords.

As it is essential for the revised Book to receive the approval of the House of Lords, and the House of Commons, as well as the Royal Assent, before it can legally and officially be adopted by the Church of England, the House of Commons decision means that the old form will continue in use at least for the present.

There have been few controversies within recent years which have aroused so much interest among the public at home, and it was known that there would be keen and spirited debate in the House on the question. It was thought, however, that when the new book had been accepted by a large majority of the Church Assembly and had passed the House of Lords, it would secure the approval of the House of Commons. Yesterday's decision has come as a dramatic surprise.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY MUST REVISE.

London, Dec. 15.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. C. W. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, moved that the revised Prayer Book measure which was yesterday adopted by the House of Lords, be presented to the King for Royal Assent. He said he was very conscious that he had no claim whatever to speak as an theologian or as authority on doctrine or liturgy. He thought he had been entrusted with this task because he did not belong to any Church Assembly and had never been a member of the House of Laymen and merely represented a simple specimen of ordinary churchman who was deeply attached to his church. He held that it was not only wisdom but to the benefit of the church that the measure should be passed. He described the revised book as being the result of years of careful research and investigation. The Church to-day was working under conditions which were fitted for 1662 and therefore obviously they were unfitted in many respects for the present time. The revised book was the result of many concessions to different sections to try and arrive at the largest amount of common ground which was regarded as necessary in the way of improvement. The supporters of the measure were the mass of moderate men and women and their appeal should not fall on deaf ears. The young generation were looking for more life in their church services and less formality. He urged that, because Christianity and the forms of worship should be in harmony with modern thought and modern requirements.

The result of the vote was greeted with the wildest enthusiasm.—Reuter.

The Next Step.

The next step in connexion with the Prayer Book will be that the measure will be returned to the Church Assembly, who will reconsider it and may present it to Parliament in an amended form.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

An illustration of the divergence of opinion among Members of the House of Commons on the Prayer Book question was afforded to-day when the measure was brought up for adoption after its passage through the House of Lords.

Mr. Bridgeman moved a resolution inviting the House to direct that the Book be presented to His Majesty for Royal Assent, but the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, followed him and strongly opposed the measure. The Whips have been taken off, leaving the Members of the House free to vote as they wish.—Reuter.

Approval Foreshadowed.

London, Dec. 15. In view of the House of Lords overwhelming majority for the motion that Royal assent be given to the Prayer Book measure it is now assumed that full parliamentary sanction for the book will be forthcoming to-day, when the measure will be debated in the House of Commons.

It is considered unlikely that the margin of votes in favour of the measures will be narrower in the House of Commons than in the House of Lords but the result is not in doubt. Four hundred members will probably participate in the vote. The First Lord of the Admiralty, the Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, who is a prominent churchman, will move the resolution and Sir William Joynson-Hicks, also well-known in church work, will open the attack on the measure.

The Prime Minister will speak in the course of the debate and the division will be taken about eleven o'clock.—British Wireless.

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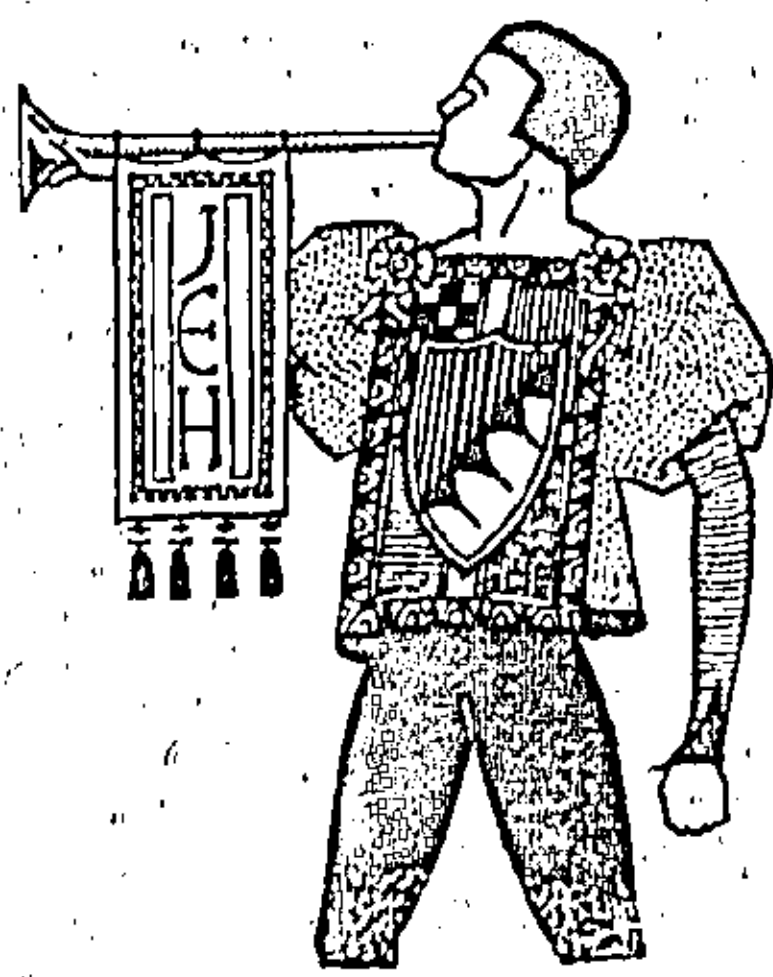
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOUR NEW BILLS INTRODUCED.

Four new Bills came up for first reading at a meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. Of interest to the members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps is the Bill amending the Volunteer Ordinance in which certain exceptions have been made in regard to the payment of fines for failing to become efficient.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) presided over the meeting, and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney General).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messers, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Sir Sheu-son Chow.

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M. G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The Late Marquis of Cambridge.

The Colonial Secretary read the following despatch received from the Secretary of State:

"Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 28th October transmitting an expression of sympathy to the King and Queen and Royal family from the members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong on the death of the Marquis of Cambridge. I am commanded by His Majesty the King to ask you to convey to the members of the Legislative Council, their Majesties' grateful thanks for their kind message of sympathy. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant."

For the Secretary of State
(Sd) W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore.

NEWSPAPER ORDINANCE.

Cancellation of Printing Press Licenses.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses. He said: The Press perform a very useful and important function in making themselves acquainted with the details of new legislation, and in passing on that information to the public. No doubt they will make themselves acquainted with the details of this Bill, which affects them and other printers in a peculiar degree and only affects the general public indirectly. It is, therefore, I think, unnecessary to say much about the details of this Bill, and I propose to confine myself to two general questions dealt with in it.

Clause 5 of the Bill, which deals with the licensing of printing presses, gives power for the first time to refuse a licence to keep a printing press. It also gives power for the first time to cancel a printing press licence already granted. If the Captain Superintendent of Police refuses a licence to keep a printing press, there is an appeal open to the Governor-in-Council, and the power to cancel a printing press licence already issued lies with the Governor-in-Council. I think that in these days of lying and mercenary propaganda by persons who are attacking our civilisation and bent on producing disorder, it is just as well to have these exceptional powers.

The other general point to which I referred, is the question of requiring a bond from the publishers

of newspapers. The law at present is that every publisher of a newspaper must give a bond in the sum of \$1,200 conditional for two things. One, it will pay any fine that may be imposed upon him upon any conviction for libel, and secondly, it will pay all damages awarded in any action for libel in the newspaper and the costs of such action. That is not being reproduced in the present Bill for this reason: The amount of the bond is quite insufficient to cover the probable costs and damages in any libel action. It is quite conceivable that the costs alone would far exceed that amount. It would be difficult to fix a reasonable sum which would cover what might be costs and damages in a serious libel action. So far as security for the payment of the fine is concerned, the bond seems unnecessary because, if the fine is not paid, the person on whom it is imposed can be arrested and imprisoned, or a distress warrant can be issued and the goods of the newspaper seized. In the case of any substantial newspaper, there is no doubt the fine will be forthcoming. If the fine is not forthcoming, the probable results would be that the "obnoxious newspaper" would close its doors and the persons concerned would disappear, which would probably be a very good result in the circumstances. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

PRISONS ORDINANCE.

A Bill to Remove Doubts.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899. He said: This Bill, will not make, I think, any substantial change in the law; it is rather a Bill to remove doubts. It makes it clear, for example, that there is power to set apart a ward in the Government Civil Hospital as a prison for prisoners who cannot properly be treated in a prison hospital. It makes it clear that there is full power to move prisoners from one prison to another and from the prison to hospital and back again. It also makes clear the provisions of the principal Ordinance relating to the introduction and use in prisons of prohibited articles, such as liquor, opium, tobacco. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE.

The Payment of Fines for Inefficiency.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1925. He said: This Bill makes a number of amendments in the principal Ordinance but some of them are questions of detail rather than of principle. The chief thing which led to the drafting of this Bill was the decision to form a number of auxiliary units to be attached to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. The proposed units are a Supplementary Reserve Company, to consist of men who have attained the age of 50 years; an Army Service Corps Cadre; a Light Section Cadre, and a Reserve of Officers. The members of these four auxiliary units will not be required to undergo any training, but will be available for service in cases of emergency when they are called out.

The Bill also provides that when the three years service for which a Volunteer joins in the first instance comes to an end, that he is still under an obligation, if he wishes to quit the Corps, to give the same notice of fourteen days which he would have to give during his three years period. There is some doubt on that point at present, but it is here laid down that even after the expiration of the three years period, he must give notice of his intention to quit the Corps.

The Bill also provides that the sum of \$25 which a person in the Volunteers has to pay who fails to make himself efficient in any year, will not be payable in three classes of case. In the first place, no one will be liable to forfeit this sum after reaching the age of 40 years; in the second place, no one will be liable who has become efficient in three years, whether those three years were consecutive or not, and in the third place, as it may often happen that a Volunteer may have to leave the Corps for a perfectly reasonable cause, power is given to the Commandant to exempt such a person from any liability to pay the fine of \$25 provided that that person has a good reason for quitting the Corps and used reasonable diligence in undergoing the annual training up to the time of his leaving.

Court Martials.

The Bill also provides that there shall be power to order any Volunteer or Officer to attend at the Volunteer Headquarters or elsewhere for the purpose of any Court Martial or Court of Enquiry or for any special purpose that might appear proper to the Commandant. Any member of the Volunteer Corps who, without any reasonable cause, fails to comply with any such order, will be liable to a fine recoverable before a Magistrate. It seems perfectly obvious that if a Court Martial or Court of Enquiry is to be held there must be power to require the attendance of witnesses and others. Any Civil Court would have that power, and a Court Martial should have it also. There may also be other cases in which the power may be necessary.

Perhaps I might refer here to the regulations which it is proposed to make when this Bill is passed. A draft of the regulations has been published in the Gazette. They contain provisions relating to the proposed new auxiliary units and they also provide two things which, I think, may be of some interest. In the first place Volunteers, who are declared efficient in three years, have to undergo only a modified training, and in the second place men who have served in His Majesty's Regular Forces or in Volunteer or Defence Forces in His Majesty's Dominions, or certain other forces mentioned in the regulations, will not, at joining the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, be treated as recruits. I beg to move the first reading.

The General Officer Commanding seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

RAILWAYS ORDINANCE.

The Manager's Powers to Make Regulations.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909. He said: This again, is a Bill which deals almost entirely, or very largely at least, with questions of detail. The occasion for its production was the drafting of some new railway regulations. When these regulations came to be drafted, it was found that the powers in the principal Ordinance were in rather a peculiar condition. One section gives the Governor-in-Council power to make regulations, and one section only. That power is confined entirely to making regulations relating to the procedure to be followed in cases of accidents. The power for making all the other regulations is taken away from the Governor-in-Council and given elsewhere in the principal Ordinance. For example, section 34—a special section all to itself—gives the Manager power, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, to fix the maximum number of passengers that may be carried in each compartment and carriage, which seems scarcely a thing requiring a section all to itself. Section 35 gives the Manager power to make by-laws for regulating the conduct and the service of the railway. Section 32 gives him certain powers for making

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG DONATIONS TO BARNARDO'S HOMES.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—We have had the pleasure of receiving through Sir Henry Pollock, who is now in London, a personal donation of £100 sterling and, at the same time, donations from the following:

F. M. Crawford, Esq. \$187
Miss W. Innes 15
Anonymous 20

We feel that these donations call for special acknowledgment, and the Council of these Homes will be very much obliged if you will kindly accord them the courtesy of your columns to express to Sir Henry and to the other donors named their deep gratitude for the aid rendered the work under their care.

Our Council would like at the same time to be permitted to make acknowledgment of the very generous way in which Hongkong has for many years supported the work of these Homes, including the endowment of the "Hongkong Bed." The wholehearted sympathy of friends out there has been, and is, a source of great encouragement to us.

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Yours etc.,
(Sd.) Claude Wright,
General Secretary,
DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES,
London, Nov. 12, 1927.

ing rules subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

Many of these powers are set out in detail, but many other necessary powers are not mentioned at all. Another objection is that in certain cases it would appear that the Manager, before exercising the necessary power, would have to make a rule that would have to be approved by the Governor-in-Council, and it would have to appear in the Gazette before it could come into operation. Actually, the Bill includes the regulation making power in one section and gives power to the Manager subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council. It also expressly gives the Manager power to do certain acts which do not seem to require any rule-making before they are exercised, and it specifies exactly what he can do without making rules and what his powers are to make rules.

The Bill also increases the penalty for various offences under the Ordinance. I think a very cursory glance at the principal Ordinance will show that in many cases the fines are much too low. For example, \$20 seems far too low to be a maximum for attempting to defraud the railway administration. The fines are generally raised to the level of the maximum fines of other similar cases in our Ordinances. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Bills Passed.

The following Bills passed all their remaining stages and became law:

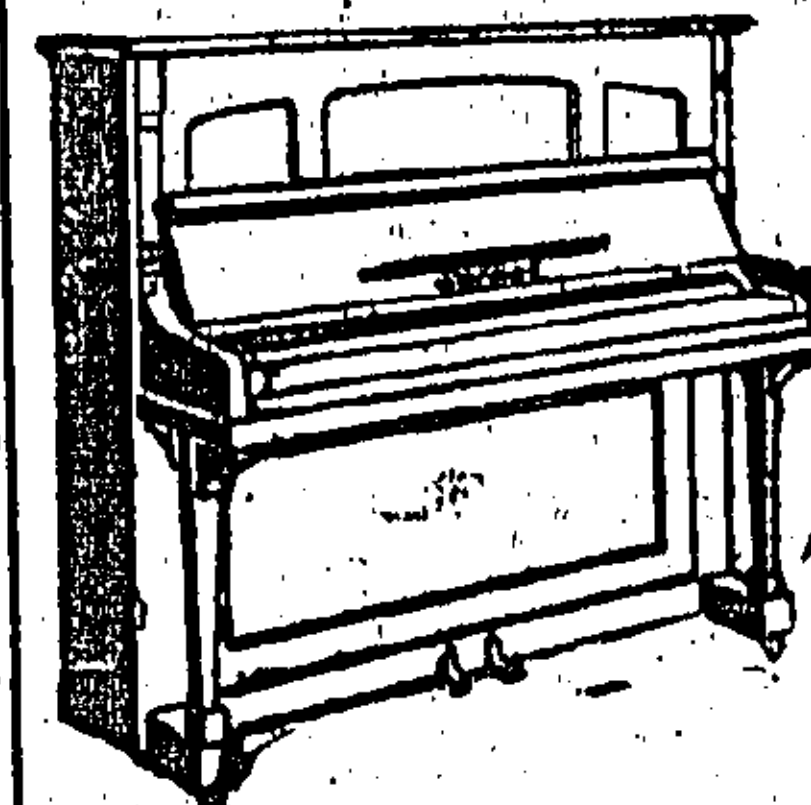
An Ordinance to provide for the Magistrates Ordinance, 1896.

An Ordinance to amend the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hongkong Police Reserve.

The Council adjourned until Thursday next.

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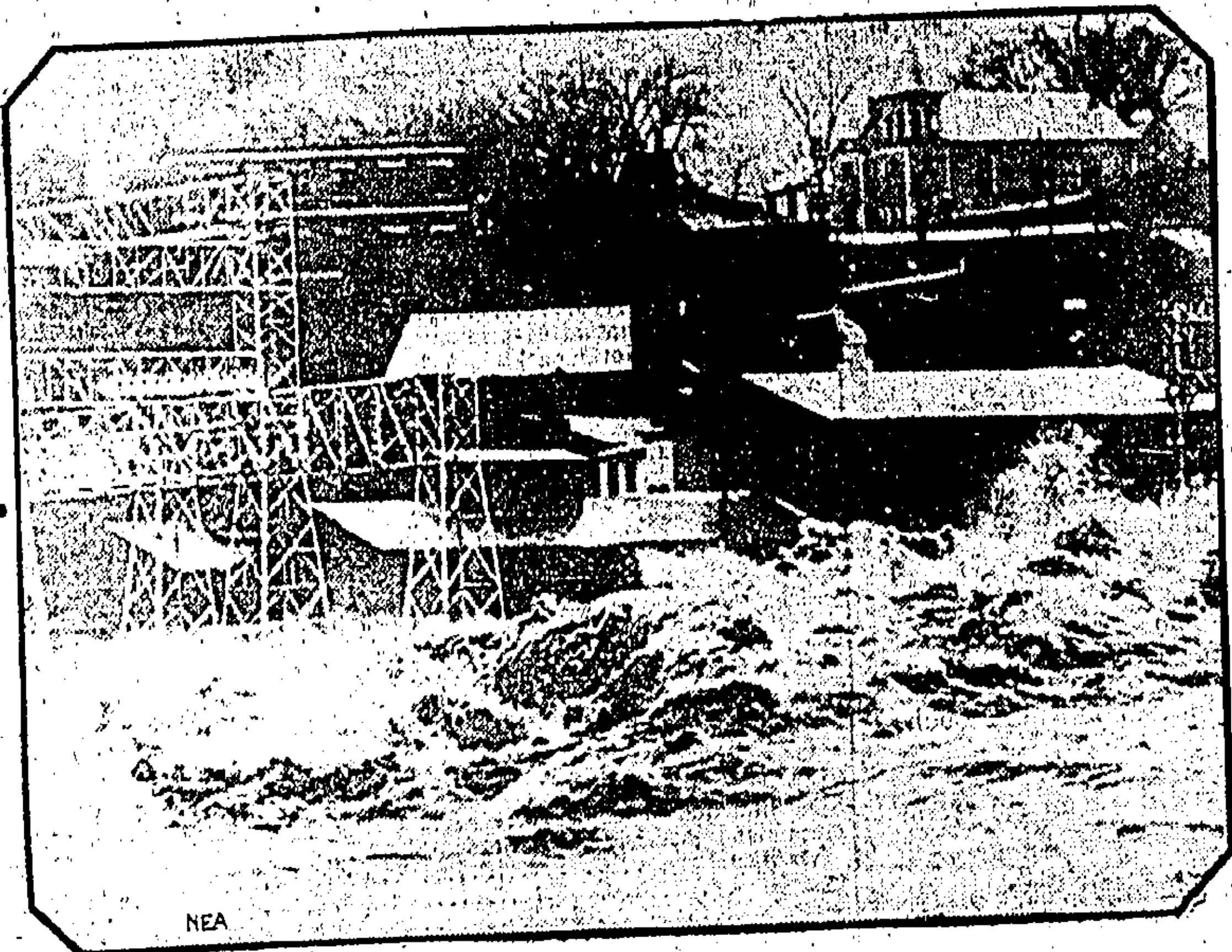
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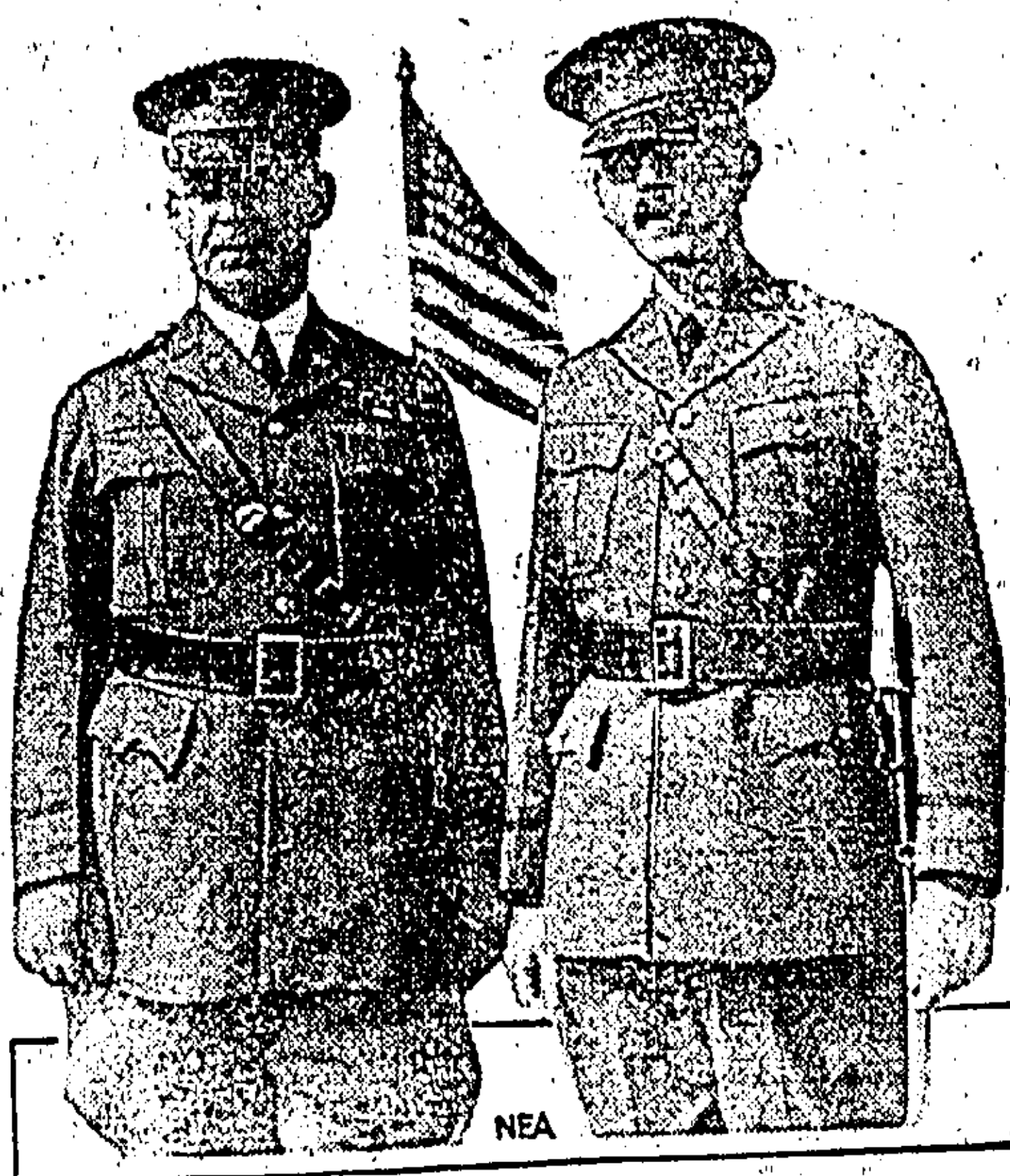


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A death list mounting into hundreds, and property damage of many millions were caused by the rampage of New England rivers. Above is pictured the Connecticut river roaring through Bellows Falls, Vermont, where it wrecked industrial plant and inundated parts of the city.



Following the San Diego speech of Maj. Gen. Charles P. Summerall (left), chief of staff, criticizing army housing, President Coolidge has announced he is putting an \$8,000,000 construction item in this year's budget.

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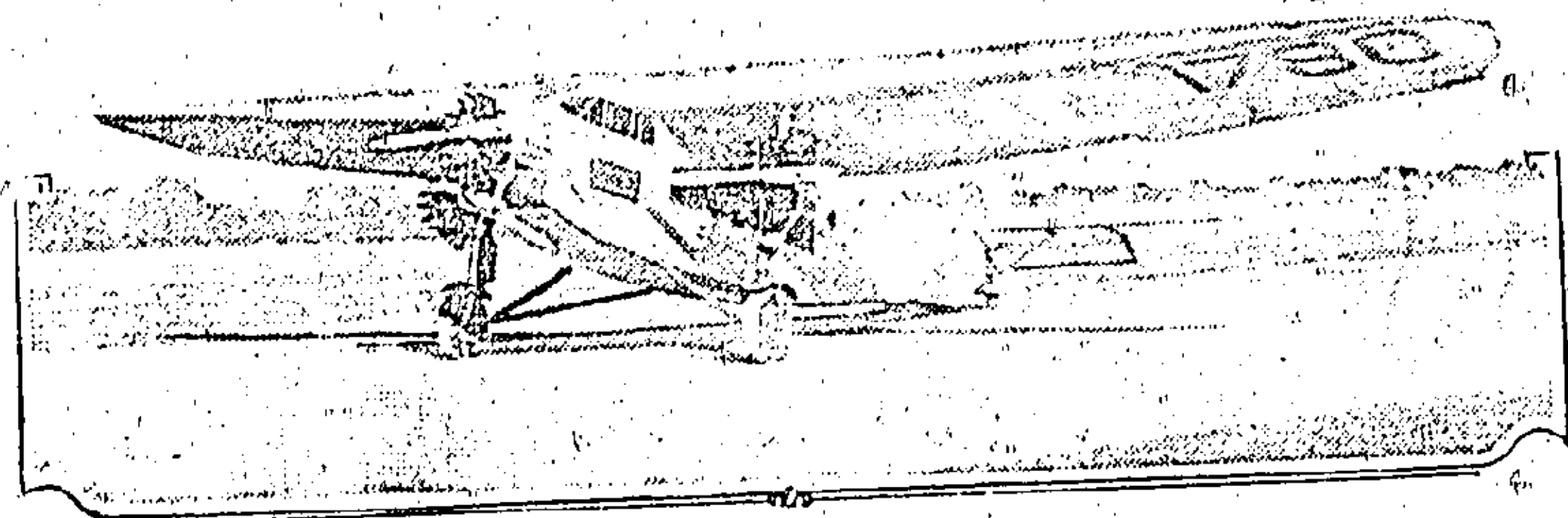
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Dwight W. Morrow (left) chats with President Calles at the Mexico City executive palace after presenting his credentials as the new American ambassador.



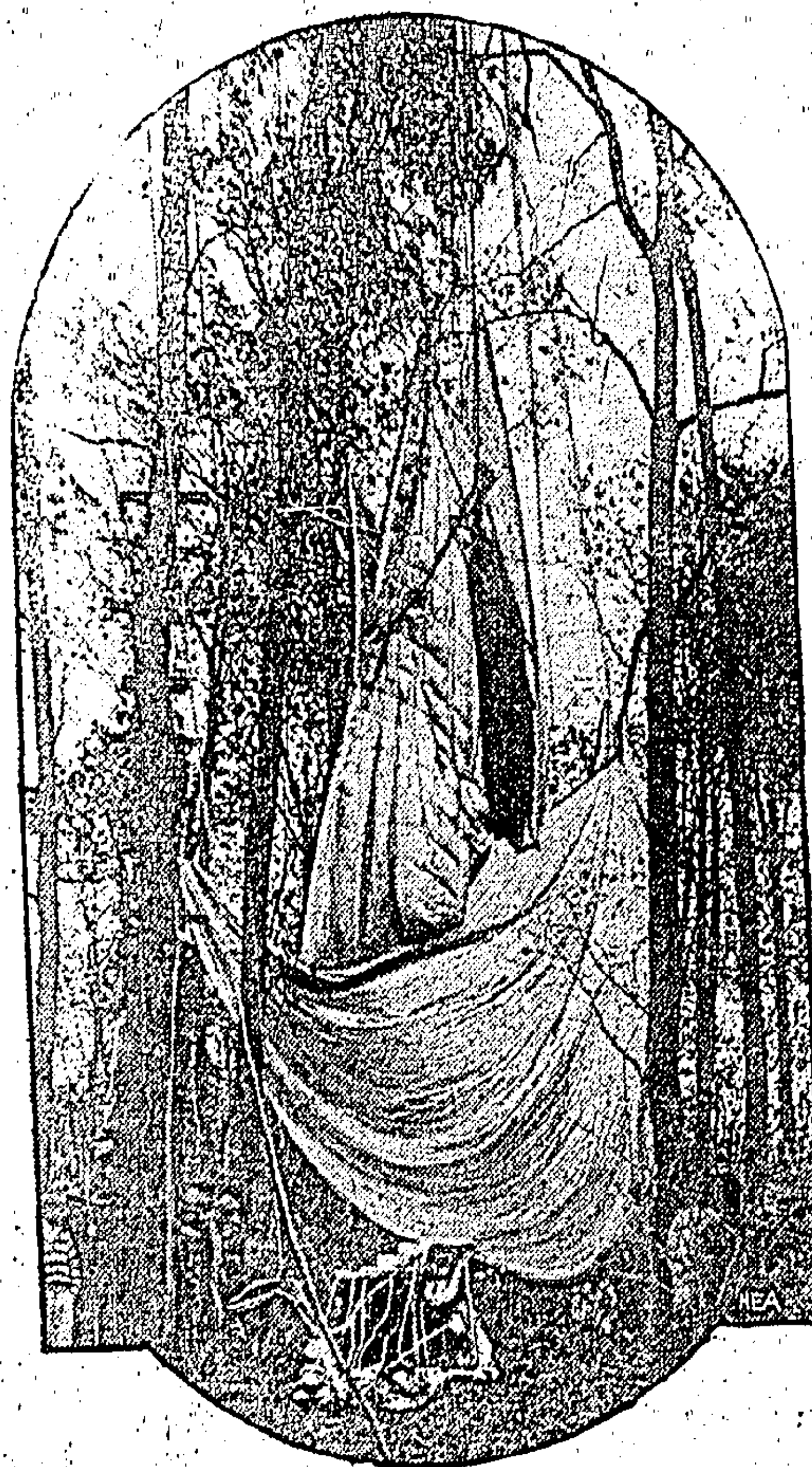
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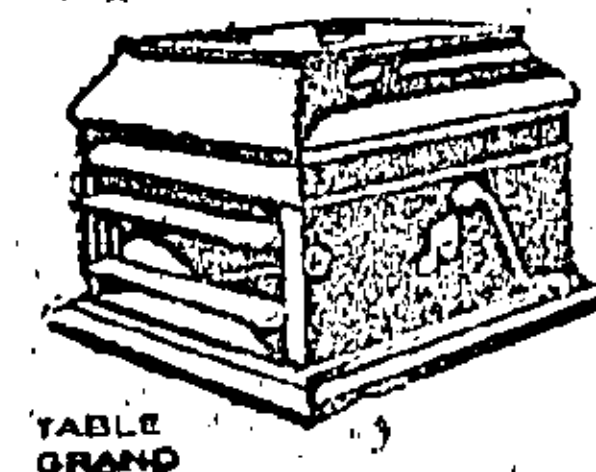
Group photo of those assembled for a tiffin party at Mr. Beith's Bungalow, Shanghai, before setting out for the paper hunt on Saturday week. Several of Shanghai's hardest riders are to be noted.



Here is the balloon which Captain Hawthorne C. Gray sailed from Scott Field, Ill., 43,000 feet into the blue to a new altitude record—and death. Captain Hawthorne's log showed that he was alive at 40,000 feet when he threw out his last sand bag. Failure of the oxygen supply carried in the tanks in the balloon was blamed for his death. The balloon finally drifted down and landed as shown above.

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MR. JAMES MCNEILL TO BE APPOINTED.

London, Dec. 15.
It is understood that Mr. Timothy Healy, Governor-General of the Irish Free State, who has now completed five years of office is about to retire and that his successor will shortly be announced. The name of Mr. James McNeill, present Free State High Commissioner in London, is mentioned in connexion with the appointment. *British Wireless.*

An Official Announcement.

Later.
It is officially announced in Dublin that Mr. James McNeill, the Free State High Commissioner in London, will shortly succeed Mr. Tim Healy as Governor-General of the Irish Free State. *Reuter.*

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended December 15th, 1906:
The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2. 7/8d.

The British steamer *Hongkong*, lying wrecked off the Godown Company's wharf, was sold for \$7,800 to Mr. Wong Leung-ki.

The late Mr. E. R. Bellios left property in Hongkong valued at \$275,304 and personal estate in the United Kingdom valued at £660.

The American steamer *Sorsogon*, which was blown ashore off Hongkong during the typhoon, was successfully raised by the Kowloon Dock.

A foreign firm offered to supply the Canton Viceroy with quick-firing guns for gunboats at a cost of \$600 (gold) apiece.

The "Hongkong Gas" Company notified that the price of gas would be reduced to \$2.75 per 1,000 cubic feet.

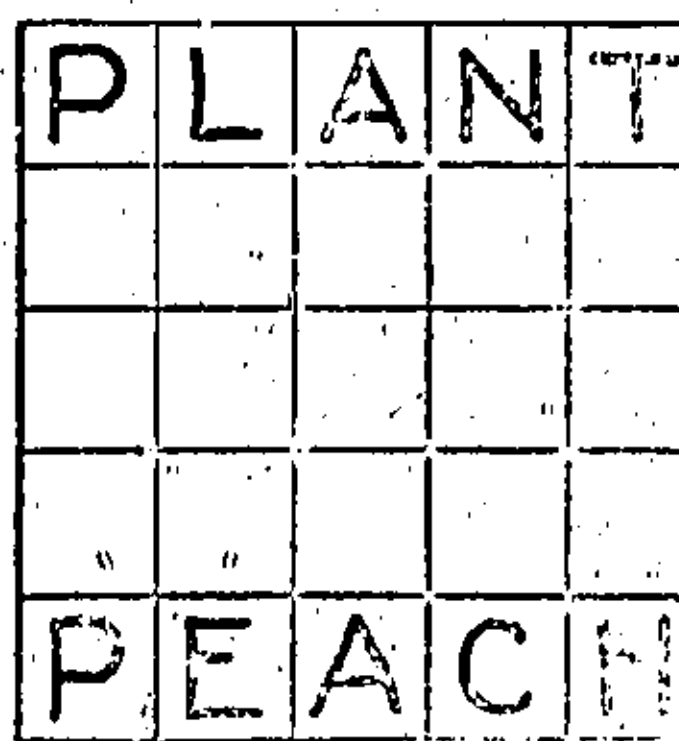
Brigadier General R. G. Broadwood, the new G. O. C., arrived in Hongkong from Home.

Mr. John Hughes, ninety-one, works manager at George Salter's West Bronwich, who had been employed by the same firm for eighty-two years, and was said to be Britain's oldest workman, died recently.

LETTER GOLF.

A FIVE-LETTER ONE.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

BANK AFFAIRS.

DRASTIC SHANGHAI REGULATIONS.

DISCOVERING THE WEALTHY.

Still one more set of model regulations, strictly up to date and covering their field with the usual thoroughness, has been devised and published by the "Nationalist" authorities for the anxious contemplation of those Chinese who are interested in banks or are lucky enough to have anything still deposited in banks, says the *N. C. Daily News* (Shanghai). The Chinese press has reproduced, as coming from the Bureau of the Currency Comptroller, at 15 The Bund, the various rules for the registration and inspection of banks, trust companies, insurance companies and the like which appear to give expression to a simple and yet ingenious scheme for discovering not only just how much every such institution is worth to its promoters but also how much every individual who should be patriotically contributing his mite to the Nanking war chest, was invested or deposited in such banks and companies.

The regulations governing registration are thorough-going, as has been said, but the rules for inspection of accounts and books are the ones that leave nothing to chance, but are calculated to reveal the intimate finances of every Shanghai resident who has dealings with banks to those most interested in relieving him of his surplus. It is even stipulated that "no excuse shall be made by the party examined."

A Magnificent Opportunity.

The first possibility that any Chinese experienced in administrative affairs will see in these regulations, is the magnificent opportunity afforded for selling posts as bank inspectors at exorbitant figures to needy or greedy officials who can raise the ready capital to buy the appointments. These gentlemen in their turn will see in the power of approaching the Chinese banks in an official capacity, of pretending to pass upon their merits and demerits, and in nosing into their financial transaction, opportunities for extortion and blackmail in the richest centre of readily negotiable wealth in China such as no hungry yamen attaché in this country has ever envisaged before. The banker who pays is registered and declared sound; the financier who cannot satisfy the inspector is officially unsound and is denied registration. The amount paid is a matter for arbitration and compromise, perhaps, but the inspector must have in every instance the last word in closing the bargain.

A Scheme for Exact Information.
The second possibility in the scheme, and that in which the keepers of the "Nationalist" war chest will presumably be most interested, will be the compilation of exact information from the books of all the local native banks and similar institutions, of the resources of every individual merchant and investor who could possibly be thought worth approaching with urgent appeals for a voluntary patriotic contribution.

It is not difficult to see what the effect upon the Chinese banks here would be if the foreign authorities were to countenance the imposition of any such system of inspection and registration. The result could be nothing less than a panic transfer of all cash "accounts and securities from the Chinese to the foreign banks, a lack of confidence that would affect note issues and another all-round depression of native trade through the hiding and hoarding of capital. It is well enough known to every Chinese business man and to every foreigner who watches the Customs returns that trade survives domestic warfare in this country in an uncanny way

THE MOTOR-HORN NUISANCE.

HONGKONG ACTION COMMENDED.

Shanghai might do well to take a lesson from Hongkong's treatment of noisy motorists, says the *Shanghai Times*. As the result of numerous complaints received from offices in the Colony with regard to the nuisance of noise caused by excessive sounding of horns, the drivers of a number of motor cars were summoned before the court and fines were imposed. The Bench remarked that drivers were too fond of sounding their horns and they sometimes made a deafening noise.

The fact is that Hongkong is really better off than Shanghai when it comes to this type of nuisance, and though it is on record that something was done during the oppressive heat of the summer before last to stop this nuisance, nothing has been done in recent months. Most Chinese chauffeurs are not content unless they have at least two motor horns attached to their cars, and some of them have even more than two. A motor car driving along Szechuan Road even during the times of less crowded traffic frequent sounds like a tin pan alley symphony, only several degrees worse. While asking that something be done to stop a city-wide nuisance, this is not an argument for throwing caution to the winds and stopping all use of motor horns, klaxons and sirens. It would be impossible to do that anyway.

Following tradition, the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa has been conferred upon a number of foreign savants on the occasion of the re-opening of Paris University for the autumn term, says *Reuter*. There were two British recipients, Sir Frederic Kenyon, Director and Principal Librarian of the British Museum, and Professor J. S. E. Townsend, Wykeham Professor of Physics at the University of Oxford.

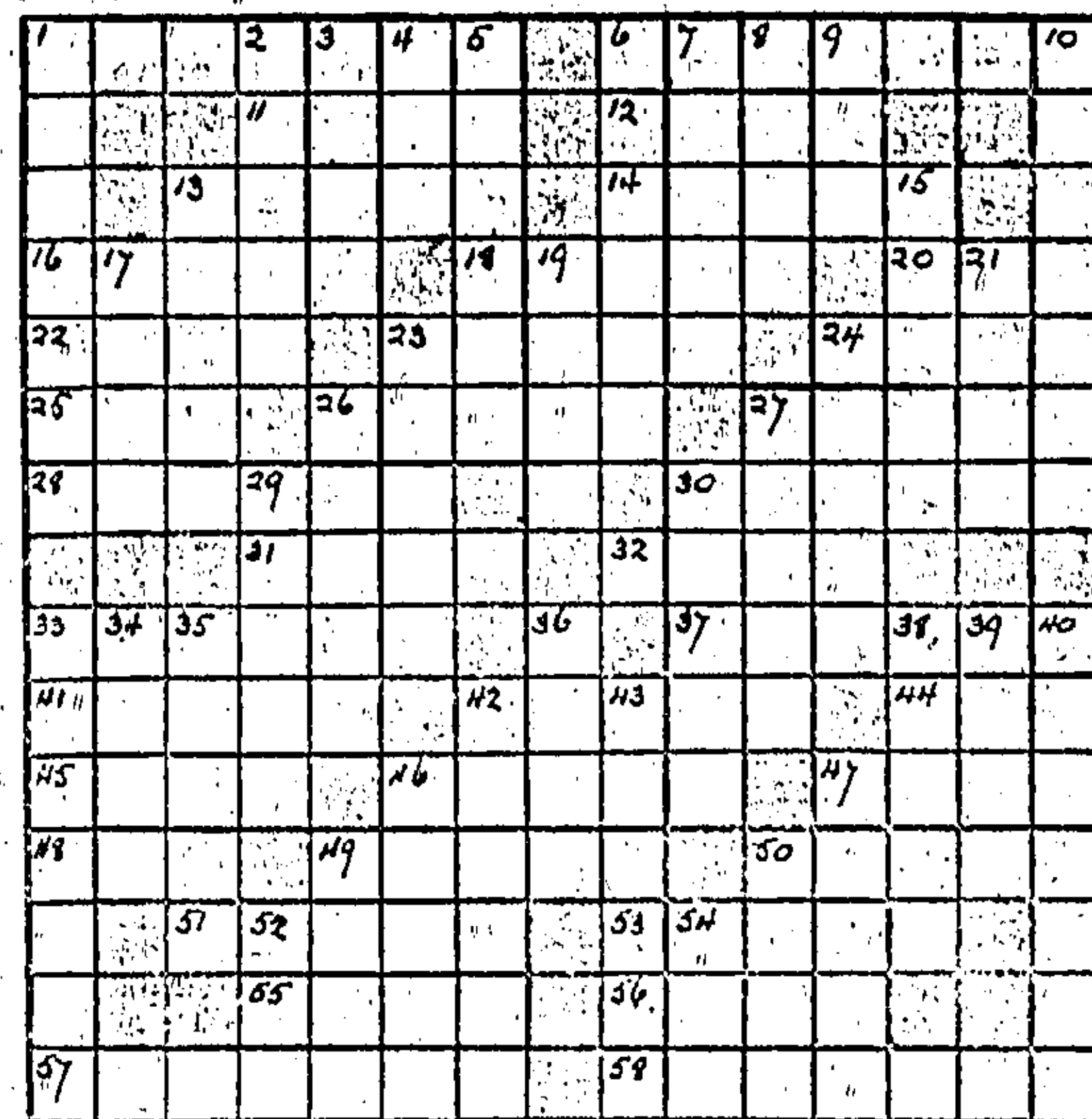
and invariably booms after a war as though the trading field were newly fertilized, but that nothing can combat and outlive systematic official extortion such as would be made possible by the application of these regulations here and the limitation of them that would inevitably come elsewhere.

Effect of Extortion on Capital.

Extortion has driven capital from the most remote quarters of China into the foreign Concessions and Settlements and, within the past year, blackmail and further extortion, with intimidation and kidnapping, have even intruded upon the foreign controlled areas, have been too little resented, and have consequently robbed the Chinese residents of their feeling of security and therefore of their enthusiasm for investment and development. Trade depression is in much greater degree traceable to this situation than to warfare and the interruption of communications—obstacles which the Chinese merchant has evaded and overcome for centuries until he is an expert at it.

We have had imposed upon this community, the 30 million loan, the 24 million loan, the rent tax, the Central Bank bubble and the "opium suppression" schemes. And now they have wearied of indirect approach and round about investigation of the individual's ability to pay, and have decided to go directly to the banks for both ready money and detailed information. Toleration by the Municipal authorities of the least gesture within the Settlement towards bank registration and inspection will undoubtedly have a most devastating effect upon such Chinese confidence in the foreigner's ability to resent and resist extortion in the Settlement as is essential to surviving commerce.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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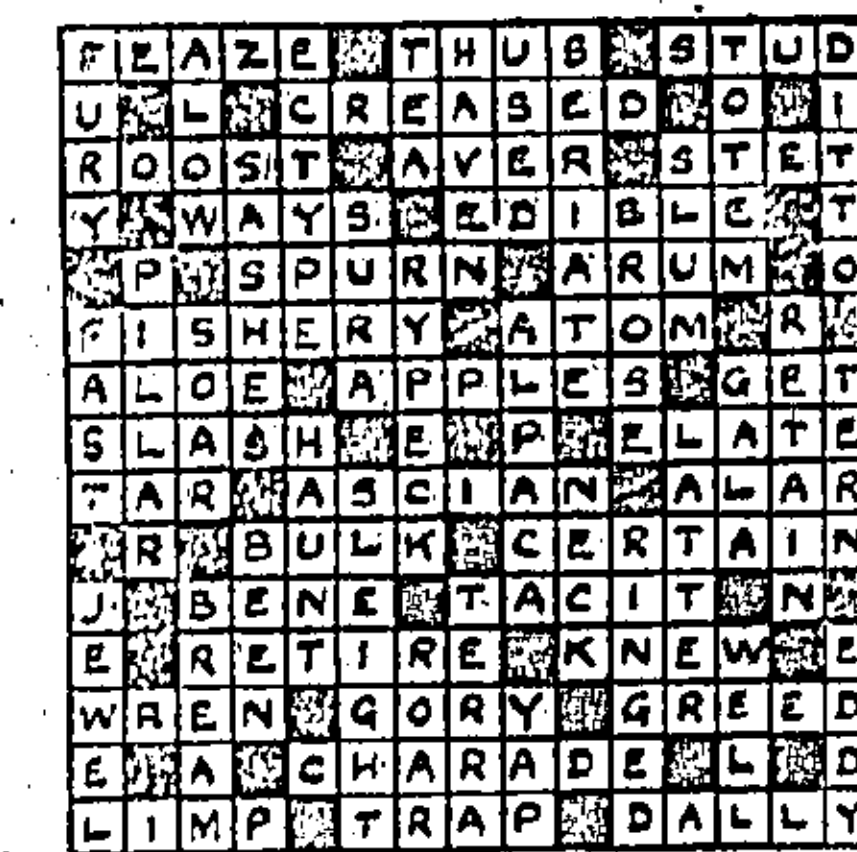
- Common heath.
- One who samples.
- Alphabetic character of a particular set.
- An excuse.
- Pithy.
- Marsh loving plants.
- Pertaining to the countryside.
- Variety of quartz.
- One and one together.
- Run.
- Deceive.
- Serpents.
- The conscious thinking subject.
- Radiated.
- Ten millions (East Indies).
- A brother's child.
- Seethed.
- Level.
- Temper of mind.
- Frightened.
- Liquid principal of oils.
- Religious song.
- Reels.
- Animal's lair.
- Recess for baking.
- Low sand hills.
- Narrow strip of wood.
- Marshy place.
- Puzzled.
- French unit for solid measure.
- About.
- Revolving part of a motor.
- Hautboy.
- Brother to Cain.
- Coward.
- Vast.

Down.

- Encourage.
- Discourse.
- Throw.
- Entirely.
- Smoky.
- Extend.
- Watchful.
- Come face to face with.
- Cushion stuffed with soft material.

- Rested.
- Multitude.
- Set without a back.
- Stimulate.
- Pay attention to.
- Take heed of.
- Cried like a rook.
- Newly married woman.
- Festivity.
- Loses heat.
- Slender legged bird.
- Volumes.
- Subterranean cavern.
- Combating ground.
- Fruit of a fir-tree.
- One averse to labour.
- Close by.
- Kind of fever.
- Impaired by time.
- Variety of the citron-tree.
- One who gives.
- Long Roman garment.
- Species of armadillo.
- Let it stand.
- Word expressive of refusal.
- Species of African sorcery.

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On the return, a stag-hunter, who had hidden in the bracken, sounded the Rouse on a hunting-horn, much to the concern of the deer, who thought hounds were in the vicinity. The population of the parish is only thirty, and although there is a church there is no rector. Mrs. Ada Harding, who played the organ, is verges and sexton, and her father is the churchwarden and her brother the rate collector.

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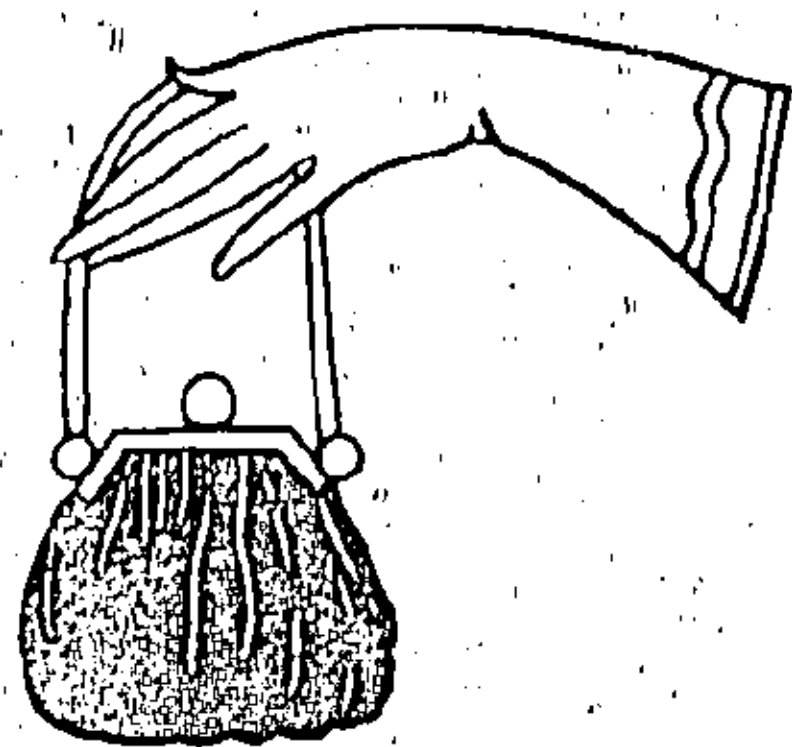
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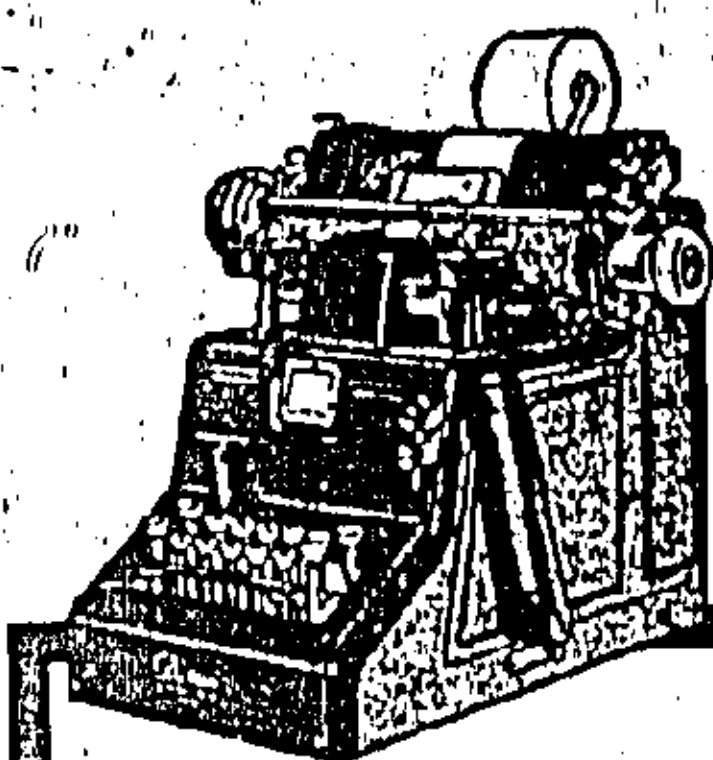
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The
Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 1927.

THE SHANGHAI
DEFENCE FORCE.

In the debate on the cost of the Shanghai Defence Force, in the House of Commons on Wednesday, there was a good deal of nonsense talked by the Labour element. Judging from some of the observations from the Opposition benches, our Labour M.P.'s still have a very hazy conception of the situation in the International Settlement, and we cannot but deplore the light-hearted manner in which they view the question of the adequate protection of British rights and interests there. Altogether overlooking the extremely anxious times, through which the British community has passed and is still passing, as well as the substantial contributions which have already been made to secure the comfortable billeting of the troops, one of the Labourites even had the temerity and ill-grace to suggest that a threat to withdraw the Defence Force would soon make Shanghai people put their hands into their pockets. Another member wanted to know whether it was not possible to organise an adequate police or defence force from amongst the British community in the Settlement! It is clear, from remarks such as these, that the Labourites have no realisation of the dangers to which the foreign population would be exposed were the Defence Force recalled. If they did but reflect on the terrible atrocities that occurred when the Nationalist troops poured into the native city at Shanghai, and of the practical certainty that the murders, burnings and looting would have been repeated on a much more extensive scale in the adjacent international Concession but for the presence of the Defence Force, they would not talk so glibly about a handful of British civilians holding the situation down, nor of threats to withdraw the Defence Force.

The cardinal point which these misinformed Labour M.P.'s appear to overlook is that British subjects, wherever they reside, have a right to claim protection when, as in China to-day, they are

threatened with danger to themselves and their interests. That is the *raison d'être* of the presence of the Defence Force in Shanghai and of the intention of the Government to see that the Force is kept at sufficient strength to guarantee such protection for as long as the danger exists. Another viewpoint which apparently never occurs to the Labourites is that there is much British capital legitimately invested in the Shanghai and other Concessions, and that the preservation of British interests is desirable from the fact that in normal times the Eastern market provides considerable business for the Home manufacturer and therefore employment for the British workman. That, however, is incidental to the main point of the responsibility resting on the Home Government to see that British lives and property are assured due protection. It has further to be stressed that the Defence Force not only ensures such protection to foreigners, but also to a growingly large number of Chinese who find that they can enjoy far greater security in the International Settlement than they could possibly hope for under Chinese rule.

U.S. Naval Programme.

In consequence of the failure of the Three-Power Naval Conference at Geneva recently it is only natural that more than ordinary interest should be attaching to the naval construction programme which has just been submitted to Congress by Mr. Wilbur, the United States' Secretary to the Navy. It is a week ago now since the figures of the American Budget were published, and it was then to be noted that the largest single item was for national defence, being \$645,000,000 (or an increase of \$20,000,000 as compared with the last Budget). Since that time, Mr. Wilbur has, with the consent of President Coolidge, presented a special five-year naval building plan calling for the construction of 25 more light cruisers, 32 submarines, nine destroyer leaders and five aircraft carriers, and it remains to be seen whether Congress will authorise the Administration to proceed with the work. It has been explained by Mr. Wilbur that President Coolidge would, in the event of an international conference for the limitation of armament, authorise the suspension of the construction, which is a plain intimation that America is prepared to go ahead and build unless the other Great Powers come into line with her way of thinking. The Speaker of the House of Representatives has already assured his President that the House "is in an ambitious mood" and we think there is little doubt that Congress will approve of a programme now submitted—a programme calling for the expenditure, in English equivalent, of £175,000,000. It is obvious that neither Britain nor any other of the Great Powers, impoverished as they are, could go into competition against a programme of that magnitude, and it is easy therefore to understand that Mr. Bridgeman's statement that the British Government does not find any grounds for departing from its decision to postpone the construction of two cruisers. If the United States of America thinks "that in the interest of 'sea' that it is necessary to build so many new ships, then it would be folly for Britain to keep her company in such a matter. But perhaps it is not irrelevant to remark that it was America who recently talked most of naval disarmament.

KOWLOON UNION
CHURCH.ANNUAL MEETING LAST
NIGHT.

The annual meeting of subscribers and adherents of the Union Church, Kowloon, was held last night, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston presiding.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Chapman) presented the annual report, whilst the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. D. F. Warren) submitted the financial statement.

In subsequent proceedings, the speakers included the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, the Rev. Mr. Short and Mr. Ingram. It was decided to call a meeting for the purpose of considering the inauguration of a Women's Auxiliary Guild.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Warren were re-elected as Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively, whilst a large and influential Committee was appointed. Later, tea was served, and solos rendered by Mr. Chapman and Mr. Provau.

DAY BY DAY.

NOTHING IS SO GALLING TO A PEOPLE NOT BROKEN FROM THE BIRTH, AS A PATERNAL, OR IN OTHER WORDS, A MEDDLING GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT WHICH TELLS THEM WHAT TO READ AND SAY, AND EAT AND DRINK AND WEAR.—*Macaulay.*

There was one Portuguese case of diphtheria reported to the health authorities yesterday.

A break in the spell of fine weather is predicted by the Royal Observatory, to-day's forecast being:—Easterly winds, fresh; cloudy with some rain.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. F. H. Pentecost, 37 The Peak, to Miss U. McLean Gubbins, care of Dr. I. Newton, Kowloon Hospital.

A seizure of 80 lbs. of raw opium has been made by the police on board the s.s. Fooksing, lying at the Kowloon godowns. No arrests were made in connexion with the seizure.

Among the passengers arriving in Hongkong to-day by the Hakozaki Maru from Shanghai was Rear-Admiral H. H. Hough, of the U. S. Navy, who has recently relinquished his command on the Yangtze.

A case of ginseng valued at \$7,000 was stolen from the Kan-chow, a Butterfield and Swire steamer yesterday. It is believed that the theft took place whilst cargo was being unloaded from the steamer.

Mrs. Reynolds, residing at the old leather factory on the Kowloon City Road, reported to the police yesterday that shortly after midday some person entered her house and stole a diamond ring valued at \$350.

A Chinese foki of cargo boat No. 1463 was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from a broken leg. The man was in the act of hoisting an awning on the boat, when a rope broke, causing the awning to fall on him.

A white terrier dog, which bit Bombardier Greenfield, R.A., of Stonecutters Island, was yesterday sent to Matakok for observation. The Bombardier, who was bitten on the right hand, is now receiving medical attention from the military authorities.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 17 arrivals and 16 departures, with British holding top place, registering six and six under the respective headings, leaving 75 vessels in harbour, British 32. Inward freights were poor, but through cargoes were heavy, the best being well over the 5,000 ton mark.

A party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Augustus John on Nov. 5, in honour of the return of their son, Casper, from the China Station. Dancing commenced at ten till three in the morning. Augustus John himself was dancing away merrily most of the time, while his son seemed to be quite as much at home in a studio as in a battleship.

D. F. Landale, the Oxford University Rugby captain, son of Mr. David Landale, formerly of Shanghai and Hongkong, was injured in the match with Blackheath at the Rectory Field on Oct. 5. At Blackheath Cottage Hospital the X-ray examination showed that nothing was broken, but that Landale was suffering from a severe sprain. He was allowed to go home, but it is thought he will have to rest for a week or two. Landale took a very light-hearted view of the injury, which arose from a collision between Landale and one of his own colleagues.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR.

London, Dec. 15. Asked in the House of Commons if he was now in a position to state what action was being taken by the Air Ministry to retain the Schneider Cup next year, Sir Samuel Hoare the Air Minister, said that a conference was taking place on the subject this afternoon and he hoped to give an answer in the next few days.—*British Wireless.*

U.S. AGRICULTURE.

PROPOSED FEDERAL
CORPORATION.

Washington, Dec. 15. Senator Borah has introduced into the Senate a Bill providing for the creation of a Federal Agricultural Corporation with a capital of one thousand million dollars.

The Bill propose that the Board of Directors be composed of the Secretary of Agriculture and eight others to be appointed by President Coolidge, one of whom will be the Managing Director at a salary of \$25,000 annually. The salaries of the others would be \$20,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GORGISTAN "TOFFEE."

PICKAXES AND SHOVELS OF
NO AVAIL.

It is learned that the trouble with the passengers of the s.s. Gorgistan is not the only difficulty to be contended with by the officers and owners of that vessel.

Arriving on Monday last with a cargo of molasses sugar from the Straits, via Swatow, consisting of 500 tons, the weather had acted on the freight with the result that it became exceedingly sticky.

The lower temperature of Hongkong solidified the mass, it having been stowed in baskets, thus allowing a big seepage and the Gorgistan now lies off Stonecutters, to all intents and purposes a concrete sweetstuff shop.

The cargo is now nothing more nor less than toffee. Pickaxes refuse to deal with it; shovels make a dent and when withdrawn, the dent closes up; axes are imbedded in a glutinous mass and cannot be withdrawn. The solution would appear to be an army of schoolboys.

According to latest information, the Gorgistan will shortly be removed to dock, where the effect of steam hoses and water will be tried to free the ship of her clinging cargo.

Meanwhile bikes, circulatory system and intakes are all toffee bound.

MARINE COURT.

LAUNCH MASTERS FINED.

At the Marine Court this-morning, before Commr. G. F. Holo, Leung In, master of the steamer launch Kwong Chun, was charged with towing five cargo boats of 370 piculs, more than three abreast, and six sampans, through the Yaumatei Breakwater in contravention of regulations. Pleading guilty, the defendant was fined \$10 with the alternative of 10 days imprisonment.

Wong Ting, master of the steam launch Hing Lee was charged with a similar offence in respect of three lighters of 1,660 piculs and also pleading guilty, was mulcted in the same amount and alternative.

MEDICINE LABELS.

PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

The case in which Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., summoned the Sui Cheong firm, of 41-43, Wing Lok Street, in respect of the use of certain labels on patent medicines, so closely resembling the complainants' "Tiger Balm" as to be calculated to deceive, was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. H. J. Armstrong is for the complainants and Mr. E. Davidson appears for the defence.

Mr. Davidson intimated that he would plead not guilty and asked for a reasonable time to prepare defence.

The case was adjourned until December 23rd. at 11.30 a.m.

THEFT FROM H.M.S.
"STORMCLOUD."CHINESE COOK SENT TO
PRISON.

A Chinese cook, employed on H.M.S. Stormcloud, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the theft of a silver watch and chain, a fountain pen and a gold wrist watch, belonging to two sailors.

Mr. Lindsell:—You have got employment on this ship and you go and do this sort of thing? Defendant said he was sick and wanted to go ashore.

Mr. Lindsell:—That is no excuse for stealing. Twelve weeks.

NEW CRUISER
COMING.

VERY HEAVY ARMAMENT.

London, Dec. 15. The new 10,000 ton cruiser Cumberland, which was commissioned a week ago, has hoisted its pennant at Chatham and is proceeding to China early in the New Year.

The vessel is commanded by Captain A. L. Snagge and cost £1,905,000 to build. She has a speed of 31 knots, and carries four 4-inch and four three-pounder guns, in addition to her eight 8-inch guns.—*Reuter.*

The Very Idea!

The passenger stuck his head through the carriage window as the train pulled up at the junction. There was only a bookstall boy within hail. "Can I get any liquid refreshments here, my lad?" he asked the youth.

"No, sir!" answered the boy. "You can get nothin' ere—only tea an' coffee!"

Chatham Town Council decided, by the mayor's casting vote, to proceed with the laying out of a county cricket ground.

The voting was eleven for and eleven against—figures peculiarly appropriate to the question involved.

Woman at Shoreditch: I said nothing about the matter for five years. Judge Cluer: A woman silent for five years!

Willesden man dramatically: My wife's mother has solemnly sworn to have her revenge on me.

Wife at Shoreditch County Court: A wife knows her husband better than he knows himself.

Man at Willesden: I don't know how much you fined me last week, but I do know that I had no money then, and I have none now.

Mr. Justice Bateson in the Divorce Court: Possession of a motor-car is not evidence of means. Lots of people buy motor-cars without any money.

Shoreditch County Court witness: If I have told an untruth I have done it unaided.

Magistrate at Willesden when a man was summoned for an offence committed three months ago: Surely justice should, among other desirable things, be speedy.

To the many judicial criticisms of "expert" witnesses already on record Mr. Justice McCordie added the following: "I hope I am not cynical, or affected unduly by a long experience of experts, but from my observation during thirty years, I have come to the conclusion that the views of an expert vary very much with the side by which he is called."

Singers should eat little.—Dame Nellie Melba.

Skirts are not getting longer.—Mr. Justice McCordie.

The British worker is a man to be proud of.—Mr. John Hodge.

Shop Assistant:—"Anything besides collars, ties and handkerchiefs, sir? How about some night-shirts?"

Country Visitor:—"I ain't no society bird, young feller; when night comes I go to bed."

Dr. Hugh Burleson, the Protestant Episcopal Bishop of South Dakota, asked what chances there were of civilizing the Indians in his diocese on whose behalf he was visiting New York for the furtherance of missionary efforts, replied: "I have seen more painted faces and undraped bodies in Park Avenue, a fashionable street, in one afternoon than in 35 years in South Dakota."

Judge (to prisoner):—"Before I ask you to plead, is there anyone here to defend you?"

Prisoner:—"No, Sir."

Judge:—"Don't you think you had better have a lawyer to defend you?"

Prisoner:—"I don't need one sir, I've made up my mind to tell the truth."

The Ministry of Labour has decided that one half of the world should know what the other half does for a living, and so after six years' work has compiled a dictionary of occupations. The occupations brought to light are as varied as they are numerous.

In the textile trade there are wuzzers, swissers, water-manglers, and canwallopers; while foundries provide work for skull-breakers and ash-bank fairies. A living can also be made at egg breaking, scum boiling, white lead digesting, and barley-sugar-stick twisting, to name a few of the trades, and "fat-boys" are employed in quarries, and "whipping girls" bind selvages.

EXCHANGE RATES.

| | London, Dec. 15. |
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| Brussels | 34.80 |
| Amsterdam | 12.07 1/2 |
| Berlin | 20.44 |
| Copenhagen | 18.20 |
| Vienne | 34.69 1/2 |
| Helsingfors | 13.87 |
| Lisbon | 2.7 1/2 |
| Bucharest | 7.00 |
| Buenos Aires | 47.7 1/2 |
| Shanghai | 2.7 1/2 |
| Yokohama | 1.10 23/32 |
| New York | 4.88 11/32 |
| Geneva | 25.28 |
| Milan | 80.16/16 |
| Stockholm | 18.08 |
| Oslo | 18.84 1/2 |
| Prague | 10.42 |
| Madrid | 22.23 |
| Athens | 3.65 1/2 |
| Sio | 5.20/32 |
| Bombay | 1.6 8/32 |
| Hongkong | 2.3 1/8 |
| Silver (spot) | 23 1/2 |
| Silver (forward) | 26.0/16 |

—British Wireless.

TWICE WOUNDED.

DESPERATE SHANGHAI STRUGGLE.

ATTEMPT ON OFFICIAL.

A daring attempt was made last Saturday morning by four unknown men to kidnap Admiral Wu Kuang-tsung, Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Fleet and Director of General Affairs in the Admiralty House at Kaohsiangmin, Shanghai, but it was frustrated through the plucky efforts of the Admiral's body-guard and chauffeur and Admiral Wu himself.

It appears that Admiral Wu, accompanied by his body-guard, left his home at 102 Ning Kang Lee Alleyway, West Gate, shortly before ten o'clock on Saturday morning, and was about to enter his private motor car, which was waiting at the entrance of the alleyway to take him to his office, when four men, all of whom were short, dark clothes and had their hats drawn well over their eyes to hide their identity, rushed up and tried to push the Admiral into the waiting car. With the assistance of the chauffeur, who had appreciated what was happening and who had left his seat, Admiral Wu and his body-guard, both of whom were unarmed at the time, put up a stout resistance. Whilst two of the men were engaged with his servants, the other two grappled with the Admiral.

Bullet Through Hat.

The desperado who was tackled by the body-guard, drew a pistol and opened fire but the latter ducked and the bullet passed through his hat. The body-guard pretended to fall to the ground and his assailant, thinking that he had been hit, left him and turned to render assistance to his comrades who were attacking Admiral Wu. The body-guard then rose to his feet and rushed once more into the fray.

The chauffeur, meanwhile, was also hotly engaged. His assailant had drawn a knife and was about to attack him with it when the chauffeur managed to kick it out of his hand and well out of reach. Nevertheless, the miscreant succeeded in shaking himself free, and realizing that it was useless to put the kidnapping plan into execution, dashed off, leaving his three comrades behind to escape as best they could. This gave the chauffeur, breathing space and he took advantage of it by blowing a police whistle to the full extent of his lung power.

Admiral in the Thick of it.

Whilst his two servants were thus engaged, Admiral Wu was struggling hard with his captors, one of whom he tripped. This man got up again and rushed at him but, although a man of 59 years, the Admiral, who always has kept himself in excellent condition, threw both of the desperadoes away from him. At this juncture, the body-guard joined in and fought tooth and nail with one of the miscreants. Seeing that it was impossible to get their would-be victim, one of the miscreants drew a pistol from his pocket and was about to make use of it. Admiral Wu saw this and again grappled with him for possession, but he was too late. The man pulled the trigger and Admiral Wu fell to the ground, the bullet having passed through his mouth, emerging through the right cheek.

Flight of Assailants.

At this juncture, the assailants heard the blowing of the chauffeur's police whistle and, fearing apprehension if they remained, fled. Had they remained for another five minutes they would undoubtedly have been arrested, for a number of policemen and soldiers, hearing the police whistles and the shouting, dashed to the scene, only to find that the birds had flown. The district was combed, but no arrests were made.

The wounded Admiral was taken to his home and when it was found that he could not speak, he was removed to the Lester Chinese Hospital in Shantung Road for treatment. There it was found that the wounds were not of a very serious nature. The bullet, as stated, passed through his mouth and out of his right cheek, but in doing so two of the Admiral's teeth were knocked out. Had the bullet struck him either an inch higher or lower, Admiral Wu would probably have been killed outright. Next day when a representative of the North China Daily News visited the hospital, he learned that the Admiral was sleeping quietly and that there was no fever.

RUSSIANS RETURNING TO HANKOW.

COMMUNISM SAID TO BE SPREADING.

JARDINE VESSEL INCIDENT.

Russians are arriving in Hankow in large numbers, some of them entering the Soviet Consulate, according to a message received in Shanghai on Sunday last. The same message states that Communism appears to be gaining ground and there have been several disturbances in the native city in the past few days. Rivalry between Generals Chen Chien and Ho Tsung-tu has resulted in discipline among the troops being relaxed and outbreaks are not at all unlikely in the near future.

There have been one or two minor incidents at Wuhu which might have developed into serious trouble but for the prompt action on the part of the foreign naval authorities. A number of soldiers belonging to the 10th and 27th armies boarded the British (Jardine's) steamer Siangwa and demanded free passage.

A call for assistance was sent to the British naval authorities who despatched an armed patrol which cleared the vessel of the soldiers without much difficulty. The s.s. Chungsha, a Butterfield and Swire Yangtze steamer also required the presence of an armed guard at about the same time owing to the attentions paid the vessel by unruly troops.

RIOTS IN RUMANIA.

AMERICAN INVOLVED IN UNION JACK INCIDENT.

London, Dec. 15. A question was asked in the House of Commons whether, during the anti-Semitic riots at Oradea Mare, in Transylvania, an American citizen, named Captain Keller, attempted to protect from insult at the hands of rioters the Union Jack, which had been hoisted by a Jew in a vain attempt to protect his premises, and whether Captain Keller was beaten and stabbed.

Mr. Loeper Jackson replied: "I have received telegraphic reports of riots from His Majesty's Ministers at Budapest and Bucharest. The official Rumanian account states that some students removed a Union Jack from premises on which it was flying and paraded it together with the Rumanian flag in a procession celebrating Great Britain as a friendly country. An American citizen named Keller was wounded, apparently while endeavouring to prevent the rioters from entering the premises of the Young Men's Christian Association and I understand that the United States Minister at Bucharest is making representation to the Rumanian Government on the matter. The incident is, however, being thoroughly investigated both by the British Minister at Bucharest and the Rumanian Government and I propose to await further reports.—British Wireless.

THE CINEMAS.

ATTRACTIVE CURRENT OFFERINGS.

Yesterday, crowded houses again attended every performance in the Queen's Theatre of Rex Ingram's masterly film, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," which is being screened again to-day and to-morrow. Owing to the length of the picture, cinema-goers should note that special times have been arranged, namely, 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. Performances begin promptly at these times and the picture is screened immediately after the overture.

The World Theatre and the Star Theatre also have interesting productions. The chief picture at the World is Laura La Plante's amusing farce "Beware of Widows," and the attraction at the Star is "It's the Old Army Game," a picture made by Edward Sullivan, who produced "We're in the Navy Now." W. C. Fields and Louise Brooks are the stars of "It's the Old Army Game."

CONSIDERATE COLONEL.

DUCHESS INSPECTS TROOPS.

London, Dec. 15. H.R.H. the Duchess of York made her first inspection of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, of which she was appointed Colonel-in-Chief last August at Aldershot.

The weather was bitterly cold and the Duchess was anxious that the men should be dismissed at the earliest possible moment.

Later Her Royal Highness lunched with the officers.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN KILLED.

SHANGHAI MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

OPEN VERDICT RETURNED.

A verdict of death from two bullet wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown was given by a Coroner's jury on Monday last, in the U.S. Court for China at Shanghai, at an inquest over Fred R. Stuart, an American, whose body was found on December 9, in Kungping Road. Mrs. N. E. Lorton, U.S. Commissioner, acted as Coroner, and Dr. George Sedlett, U.S. District Attorney, conducted the examination of witnesses.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Knight said he had been told by a Chinese that a dead foreigner was lying in the road. The Chinese guided him to it spot about 500 yards north-west of Kungping Road, in Chinese territory, where several hundred Chinese were gazing at the prostrate body, and a few foreigners. Deceased was lying on a public path, clothed in a grey suit, no hat, no boots and no overcoat. Inspector Knight returned to the police station and notified Supt. Burnside, who made the necessary arrangements for removing the body to the Public Mortuary.

Two Wounds.

Dr. William K. Nance, who performed a post-mortem examination, said there were two wounds in the abdomen and one in the back, on the left side, the latter wound representing the point of exit of one of the bullets. The wounds causing death might have been made either while deceased was prostrate on the ground or while he was sitting in a ricksha.

An account of what the deceased had been doing on Thursday afternoon previous to his death was given by Eugene Joseph Hickey, who testified to being a "pal" and "side-kick" of the victim. He had known deceased since about 1912, in the Philippines and in Shanghai. Witness resided at 5 New Yalu Road, where deceased had often come and where in fact he had spent all of Thursday afternoon, arriving at shortly past two and leaving just before midnight. Besides deceased and witness, Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Hickey were present. They had a few drinks of Chinese wine. Deceased and witness lay down on the bed, after having Chinese "chow" and sending Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Hickey to the cinema. When the latter returned, witness had a faint recollection that she sent Stuart home with some coppers for his ricksha money.

Witness testified that the deceased had left the house with his shoes on and a new hat, but no overcoat. He had been a well-liked man amongst foreigners and, as far as witness knew, had no Chinese enemies, but was always inclined to be friendly with Chinese. He had been a construction man. He had lived in Williams Hotel until a few days before his death. Witness thought he had no money.

Widow's Evidence.

Mrs. Mary Stuart, widow of deceased, said she and her husband recently moved to 5 Nanyang Terrace, off Seward Road. Thursday, December 8, when she left the Hickey's house, was the last time she saw her husband alive. The next time she saw him was when she viewed the body in the undertaker's establishment. She testified further as to his clothes worn at the time of his murder and the fact that he had returned to Shanghai on November 17 after having taken some prisoners to the United States for the U.S. Marshal.

Mrs. Mamie Hickey testified to having known deceased about five years, and told about the afternoon in question on the lines already described.

CANADIAN DISASTER.

FIFTY PERSONS BURNED IN QUEBEC.

Quebec, Dec. 15. At least thirty persons, including twelve children are believed to have been incinerated in a fire which destroyed the Hospice of Saint Charles.

Latter.

Seventeen bodies have been recovered at the scene of the Hospice fire. Possibly fifty people are dead. Eighty children are reported missing.—Reuter's American Service.

Messrs. Nippon Yusen Kaisha have sent us a wall calendar for 1928 which bears a reproduction of a pretty Oriental picture in water colours by Harunobu Sazuki (1725-1770) showing two Japanese girls in the process of ginning cotton.

IMPORTATION OF WINE.

INTERESTING POINTS IN COURT.

LOOPHOLE IN ORDINANCE?

A novel point concerning the importation of dutiable wine into the Colony was raised by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning. Mr. Remedios is defending a Chinese charged with possession of 23 jars of dutiable wine and with importing it. Sergt. Meadows is prosecuting.

It was held from the evidence at the first hearing that the defendant is not the owner of the junk on which the wine was found, neither is he the owner. The owner is a woman living at Shaui-kiwan. The defence is that no offence has been committed unless an attempt is made to discharge the wine without a permit.

Mr. Remedios said that since the adjournment he had gone through the evidence and it appeared to him that he had no case to answer.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the evidence was that the defendant was on board.

What Is "Importation?"

Mr. Remedios replied that, assuming he was on board, he would still say and maintain that that was no offence under the Ordinance, under section 85, unless the prosecution proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant had imported the wine contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance. Before the defendant could be said to have committed the offence of importing the wine into the Colony, contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance, the prosecution must prove in evidence that the defendant allowed the wine to leave the junk without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police. The only evidence against the defendant was that he was in sole charge of the junk. He did navigate the junk to Macao and bring the wine to the Colony, but he did not attempt to discharge the cargo.

His Worship:—Importation is complete once it reaches the waters of the Colony.

Mr. Remedios replied that they had it in evidence that the defendant was not the owner of the wine, but was only the foki of the owner. As long as the master did not part with any liquor which was dutiable, he did not commit an offence against the Ordinance. He continued that the evidence of the prosecution went to prove the story for the defence. The first witness had said that at Macao they took on board 23 jars of wine, and the police found that number of jars on board in Hongkong, so that not one had been tampered with or removed from the junk.

Brought Into Colony.

Mr. Lindsell:—The words are "to bring or cause to be brought to waters of the Colony."

Mr. Remedios explained that the defendant did bring the wine into the waters of the Colony, but before he could be made liable the prosecution would have to show that he aided or abetted, when it was borne in mind that the prosecution had given in evidence that a woman was the owner.

Mr. Lindsell:—The importer may have desired to go to the nearest place to register this wine to take it on shore?—Quite possible.

Mr. Lindsell:—On the other hand, you have the suspicious circumstance that the wine had arrived three days previously.

Mr. Remedios replied that the answer was that it was for the defendant to report the arrival of the wine to the owner and it could remain on the junk until the owner obtained a permit.

Mr. Lindsell:—But if you have not parted with it you are in possession, charge "A."

Mr. Remedios, in reply, stated that if he was in possession, he had not committed an offence against the provisions of the Ordinance, as it had not been proved that he tried to take it off the junk.

Sergt. Meadows referred to a section which stated that the charterers, owners, agents, and masters should report such cargo to the Harbour Office within four hours of arrival.

Weak Case.

In reply, Mr. Remedios said they contended that it was not the duty of the master to make such report after he had notified the owner of the arrival of the wine. It seemed to him that the prosecution had a very weak case. They took the owner of the wine into custody, and a foki, and detained them, but they had not been produced as witnesses.

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YANGTSEZU ITEMS.

COMMUNIST AGITATION SPREADING.

AUTHORITIES ON WATCH.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

From the Yangtze it appears that Communist agitation is spreading, and in addition to the trouble at Hankow, labour troubles are arising at Wuhu and Kiukiang. The authorities are watching developments.—Naval Wireless.

Recent Changsha Doings.

Hankow, Dec. 11.

A message from Changsha dated December 11 gives the details of the rioting which occurred in that city yesterday. It reads:—

Scores of communists appeared near Chiaoao (?) Station on the Changsha-Wuchang Railway yesterday and destroyed railway tracks, and accounts of which a train which left Changsha for Yochow overturned and scores of passengers were killed or injured.

A number of communists raided the Kuonghua Electric Light Co. which is located outside the north gate of Changsha at 8 o'clock last night. These communists, taking advantage of the dark night, destroyed the works of the company, throwing the whole region outside the north gate into darkness.

A police sub-station at Hsinho was also stormed and destroyed by communists. There were disorders at several places in the city, and in some cases, bombs were used.

The Chinese military authorities took great precautions and finally suppressed the rioters.

The citizens are still panic-stricken.—Tribune.

KIUKIANG INCIDENT.

A.P.C. Employee Assaulted.

An incident was created in Kiukiang last Sunday afternoon, when small parties of soldiers entered the Concession and began plastering Bund property with anti-British posters. Mr. Munro-Faure, of the A.P.C., stopped one soldier in the act of putting a poster on the gate of the Consulate, whereupon four soldiers assaulted him. When he blew his police whistle, however, the soldiers were scattered.

A protest was made to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who ventilated, and finally the posters had to be removed by a naval party. Nothing further resulted.

SHANGHAI STRIKE.

Trams Still Suspended.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The tramway strike situation remains the same, though the threats of the intimidators have not further materialised at present.—Naval Wireless.

ANTI-SOVIET MOVE.

Consulates to Be Shut.

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

A Nationalist mandate has been issued ordering the withdrawal of the recognition accorded to U.S.S.R. consuls in Nationalist territory, also the suspension of the functions of the Soviet commercial agencies. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is now instructed vigilantly to execute the mandate.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. When were the present Houses of Parliament erected?
2. How many women M.P.s have we, and who are they?
3. What does a black and white signpost denote?
4. Which is our Navy's longest ship?
5. What is the correct pronunciation of "Ivagh?"
6. In what plays do these characters appear: Ophelia, Svengali, Mcphistofoles, Lady Babbie, Itania, Mrs. Malaprop, Mrs. Warren?
7. With what unusual sporting feat is the name of Captain Barclay identified?
8. Who was Inigo Jones?
9. Who stood silent on a peak in Darion?
10. What Greek wrote a treatise on medicine that is still often quoted?
11. What do these letters stand for: P.A., A.O.F.B., C.M., M.S.S.I.
12. Who wrote these books: "Eminent Victorians," "Pride and Prejudice," "Romola," "The Cloister and the Hearth"?

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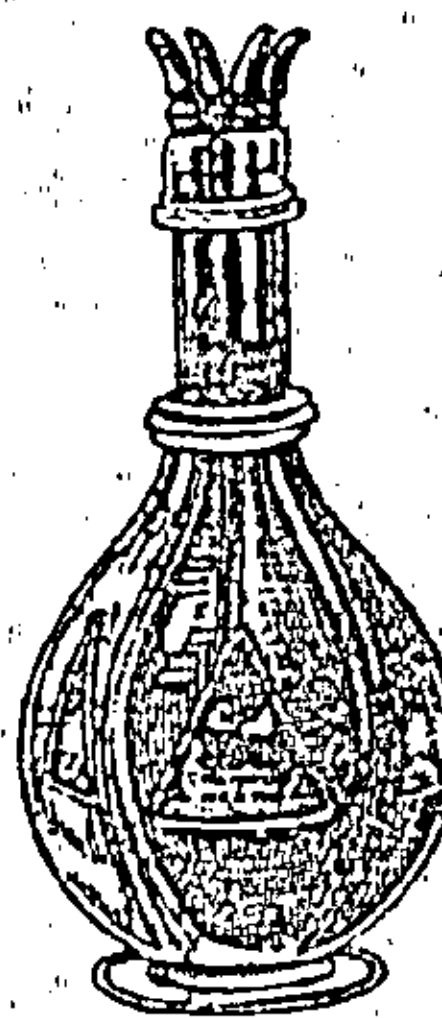
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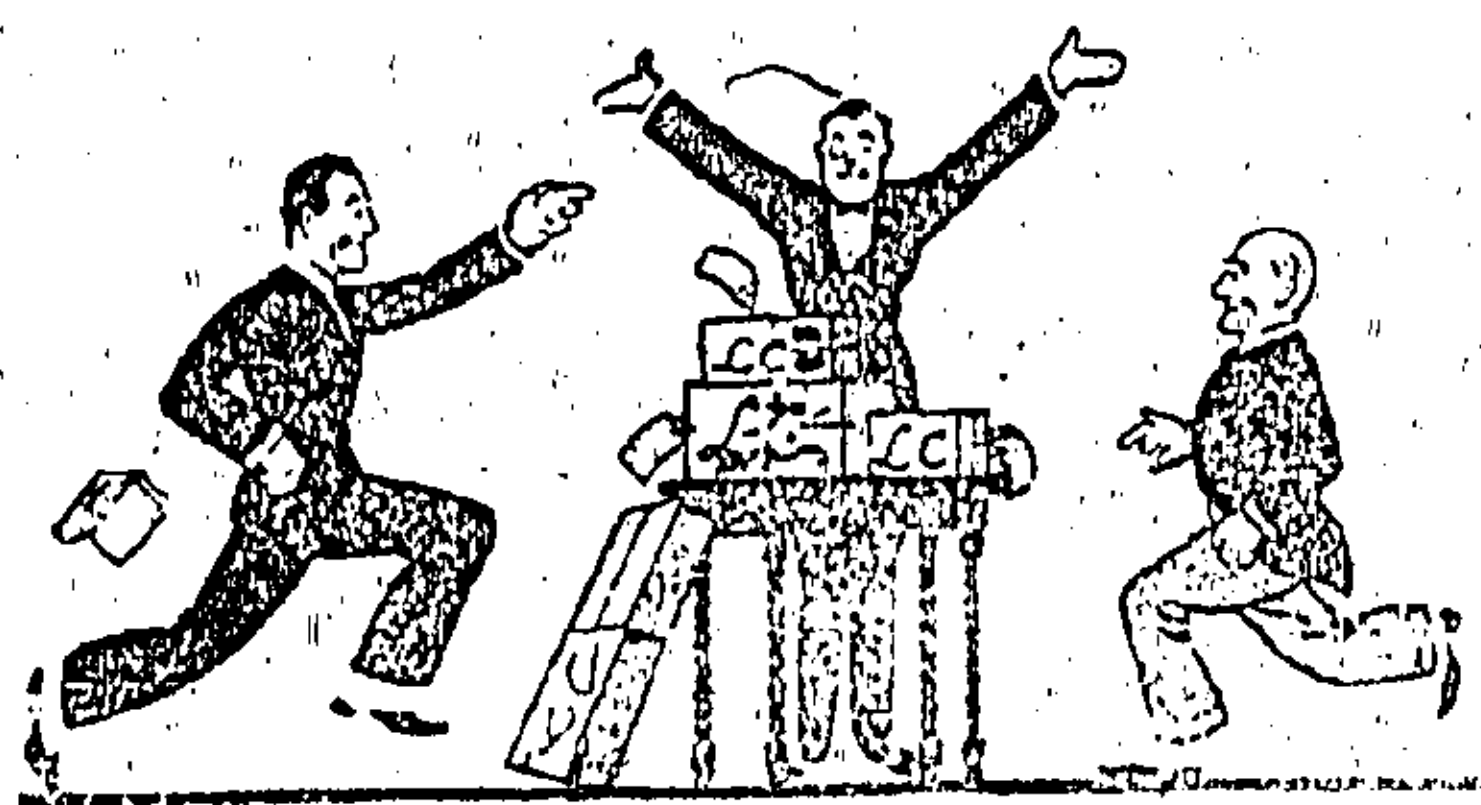
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LOCAL SOCCER.

KOWLOON AND CLUB CLASH.

TO-MORROW'S DERBY.

[By "Wanderer."]

Although the most important match of the local league for to-morrow is that between the R.A.F. and the Chinese Athletic, considerable interest is also attached to the local "Derby" between Kowloon and the Club.

European followers of the game will be anxious to find out which is the poorer of the two teams, but in spite of their lowly position, it should be a great battle. Last week Kowloon did well while the Club's defence suffered a breakdown in the second half of the game against Chinese Athletic. There is also a prospect of Northey filling the centre-forward berth in the Kowloon team, and his presence should make a decided difference in the effectiveness of the line.

Another match of interest is that between those inconsistent teams, the K.O.S.B. and the R.A.

To-Morrow's Fixtures.

The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.

Chinese Ath. v. R.A.F.—Club, 4 p.m.—Mr. Barber.
Kowloon v. Club—Kowloon, 4 p.m.—Mr. Hyson.
Recreio v. South China—Recreio, 4 p.m.—Mr. Gilbert.
R.A. v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.—Mr. Smith.
Scotts Guards v. Police—Chatham Road, 4 p.m.—Capt. Austin.

Junior Division "A".

Kowloon v. Recreio—Kowloon, 2.30.—Mr. Hutchins.
S. China "A" v. Club—S. China, 2.30.—Mr. Mackie.
University v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpoo, 2.30.—Mr. Lonsdale.
Chinese Ath. v. R.A.—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Baldwin.
St. Joseph's v. S. China "B"—St. Joseph's, 2.30.—Mr. Browne.
Junior Division "B".
S. China "A" v. St. Joseph's—S. China, 4 p.m.—Mr. Gilmour.
Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.—Mr. Presley.
S. China "B" v. Moslems—Recreio, 2.30.—Mr. Lamb.
Kung Mo v. Boy Scouts—King's Park, 2.30.—Mr. Sany.

Watch The Airmen.

That the R.A.F. held the Chinese Athletic to a 2-1 victory in the days before they got into their stride is a fact to remember in connexion with the return match to be played between these sides on the Club ground. The R.A.F. have not looked back since gaining their first victory on November 5th, and their 6-0 victory over the Recreio last week was a signal triumph.

The Chinese Athletic will be tested to the full to-morrow, and it would not create a big surprise if the Airmen proved to be the first side to steady the Athletic advance. It will be a keen duel, and much will depend upon which side nets the first goal.

Civilian Rivals.

Kowloon and Hongkong will meet in Kowloon, and the natural rivalry between the teams ensures a hard interesting game. Frank Wheeler's return has strengthened Kowloon and the Club will field a side much improved upon that which lost early in the season under mud-bath conditions. Kowloon with the advantage of playing on their own ground should win, but the margin will be narrow, whatever the result.

South China And Recreio.

South China and the Club de Recreio were both concerned in a surprise last week, the former ending on the right side. Their meeting to-morrow is expected to provide a good game, but the Recreio should win. The Recreio appear to be on the downgrade largely due to the many team changes necessary by injuries and illness.

Evenly Matched.

The military teams appear to be so evenly matched on the whole that it is difficult to forecast the probabilities. The R.A. put up a capital display against the Queen's, gave a very moderate exhibition against South China,

SWIMMING.

MISS GLEITZE CHALLENGED BY SOUTH AFRICAN.

London, Nov. 28.
A race across the Straits of Gibraltar is the novel challenge made to Miss Mercedes Gleitze by the South African, Miss Millie Hudson.

The former declined, as arrangements have already been made for her attempt to swim the Straits a fortnight hence.

Nevertheless, Miss Hudson declares she is going to Tangier, where she will enter the sea simultaneously with Miss Gleitze.

ENGLISH CUP.

A RE-PLAY RESULT.

London, Dec. 15.
In the English Cup replay between Kettering and Charlton, on the ground of the former, Charlton won by two goals to one.—*Reuter.*

In the next round, Charlton will be at home to Bury.

and in fact, are the most inconsistent side in the league. It is a failing which has persisted for several seasons, and the reason is difficult to find. The K.O.S.B. found their shooting boots last week and a repetition of that form should ensure success.

WOODEN-SPONISTS.

After a fair start, the Police have dropped to the bottom of the league table and it is not thought likely they will improve their match to-morrow against the Scots Guards. The previous encounter resulted in a single goal victory for the Guards, and something similar may be expected to-morrow.

Little Interest.

With the K.O.S.B. Reserves walking through every sort of opposition in the Junior Division "A", a good deal of interest is taken from the junior games. The K.O.S.B. will win easily against the University unless something sensational occurs. Kowloon should defeat the Recreio, the Club Reserves may win. St. Joseph's will need to go all out against South China "B", while the Chinese Athletic are indicated as victors in the remaining game.

In the Junior Division "B", St. Joseph's, Chinese Athletic, South China "B" and Kung Mo are expected to win.

NEW CHRISTMAS FIXTURES.

The most important match next week-end is the interport trial in which the Royal Navy will play Hongkong's possibilities. The team which turns out for Hongkong will in all probability, with the possible exception of one player, be the team which will go to Shanghai in January.

In order to avoid congestion other matches have been arranged as follows:

Senior Division.

R.A. v. Club—Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. (Brought forward from January 14th).
Queen's v. South China—Chatham Road, 4 p.m. (Brought forward from January 28th).

Junior Division "A".

R.A. v. Club—Sookunpoo, 2.30. (Postponed from Oct. 29th).
Chinese Ath. v. Kowloon, Kowloon, 2.30 (Postponed from November 5th).

Junior Division "B".

Boy Scouts v. S. China "A"—S. China, 2.30.
Kung Mo v. Chinese Ath.—Yaungati, 2.30.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in the League match against the Hongkong Club on Saturday, on the Kowloon ground; kick-off at 4 p.m.—Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Guest, Sims, Hedley; Pile, May, Northey, Tlernan and Miles. Reserve:—Vickers.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in their League match against the Recreio on Saturday, on the Kowloon ground; kick-off at 2.30 p.m.—Wood; Bliss, Pasco; Dunnett, Skinner, Blacklock; Reed, Clark, Spary, Muir and Eastman. Reserves:—Easterbrook and Nichols.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION RESULT.

THREE WITH 11 CORRECT FORECASTS.

There was a very large entry for our Football Forecast Competition last week, and a high measure of success was attained. Three competitors succeeded in correctly forecasting eleven of the twelve matches named on the coupon, these being:

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P. and O. Bank.
H. J. Ma,
Govt. Civil Hospital.
Charles Leung,
2, Prince's Terrace.

If these competitors will call at this office, we shall be pleased to hand them \$8.50 each.

There were over sixty competitors who sent in ten correct forecasts, and very many who submitted nine correct results. The competitors with ten correct were: J. A. Fisher, O. R. Benson, J. Gomes, F. Munford, C. Santos, A. Newman, B. A. Jones, A. M. Omar, F. L. Remedios, A. Jillett, A. H. Eagle, Luiz Cruz, C. E. Stewart, J. Davies, W. Sayers, F. Bacon, Liuz Ribeiro, P. M. Capell, Yip Tung Tak, F. M. da Silva, H. Crossley, A. Grovini, W. Willis, A. B. Cleme, L. da Silva, S. Jewell, G. E. Royland, J. Santos, B. Goodlace, J. Montgomery, Patsey Xavier, S. Yardley, K. H. Mayatt, Inglis, M. O. Hoesen, F. E. Silva, J. Holm, G. E. Bell (Jr.), D. M. Ellis, M. W. Ribeiro, D. J. Purves, S. Khan, C. A. Goldenberg, A. C. Gutierrez, J. da Rocha, J. M. Xavier, J. Peres, A. H. Gutierrez, R. F. Jones, P. Rodrigues, T. M. Barretto, S. H. Bux, S. E. Bux, A. d'Assis, J. P. Baleros, E. O. Oliveira, J. P. Souza, J. Marques, L. E. Rosario, S. A. R. Bux.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 17th:—

DIVISION I.

Bolton W. v. Aston Villa.
Manchester U. v. Arsenal.
Wednesday v. Sunderland.

DIVISION II.

Blackpool v. Barnsley.
Oldham v. Preston N.E.

DIVISION III (SOUTH).

Brentford v. Charlton.
Bournemouth v. Watford.

DIVISION III (NORTH).

Barrow v. Wigan.
Chesterfield v. New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Motherwell.
Dunfermline v. Hibernians.
Hearts v. Cowdenbeath.

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HUNAN STAMPEDE.

HOW HANKOW WAS CAPTURED.

A GENERAL EXECUTED.

We heard the news early here of the fall of Hankow to the Nanking faction, (says the Changsha correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury*) and it was said to be also partly due to a move by Feng Yushiang from the north. Great bodies of troops, and all well armed and equipped, are said to have been suddenly thrown upon Hankow, both by captured river steamers, and afoot on both sides of the Yangtze River, so that the Hankow army were thrown towards the river. Gen. Tang ordered Chang Fuh-kuei over across the river in Wuchang, to come to their rescue, but he, having a much smaller force, rightly feared to attempt this. It is said he refused three orders of the General to come.

General Executed.

The refusal of General Chang to cross to Hankow was, of course, a very serious military offence, and the officers fearing his fate begged mercy for him, whereupon he was ordered once more to come, but on a fourth refusal was somehow got in hand and executed. "They that take the sword shall perish" by it, one greater than all has truly said, and this very man Chang was the one responsible for so many executions earlier in Hunan, and was one of the well hated men of the Province.

The Stampede.

All trains and means of getting back to Hunan or to Yochow were taken in hand, and for days they poured up this line, and were not long also in reaching this city again, first wounded by the hundred, and then 500 at once, then more, and then all count was lost, as the soldiery poured in, and occupied all spaces available in the eastern side of the city, and along the railroad. Many had to walk here, and reliable report has it that the 300 miles route is strewn with the feeble, wounded and dead, and that they suffered from loss of bedding also. Now there is a rush for the latter here, and soldiers sleep in any and all places, even quartering themselves, in small groups, on the very smallest shops. Of course they go on soon, as a large force are getting into Liling, on the east, said to be 10,000, and more than double that going south to Hengchew city, while 10,000 more are getting into Changteh city, to the north west of us, hoping to hold the province if the Nanking group press their case further.

Peace Talk.

It is said negotiations are in progress for the holding of this one province by our General, Tang Seng-chi, and that he is in the city now, and trying to straighten matters out. He is surely an able man, to at all manage in any manner such a huge army of untrained and hungry, able men, and they seem to follow, or be driven on, with little trouble, their main desire and need being enough rice for the day before them. Their families, wives and children, are the ones that stay at home and suffer, and many join the army to help support these, but go away, and are never heard from again.

City Quiet.

Changsha is quiet yet, and money is circulating more freely, both copper coins, and silver dollars, but this new trouble may at once bring upon us another flood of paper notes, which is the thing the merchants and people dread. The old issues now are so low as to be out of sight, and few if any on the street will even use them. A silver dollar, brought here by the soldiers formerly from the south, or from Nanking, in memory of the "Sun Yat-sen" of Canton, and with an object, supposedly his bust on one side, is trying to be passed around here, but many refuse even this. Many had dollars are said now to be offered, but the writer has seen none of them.

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| Bournemouth | v. | Watford |
| Barrow | v. | Wigan |
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| Aberdeen | v. | Motherwell |
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| Hearts | v. | Cowdenbeath |

THE RACES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mrs. Dunbar's, (black), Goronimo.
Mrs. Dunbar's, (grey roan), Multumoh II.
Mr. H. Dowbiggin's, (grey), Ploughman.
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's, (grey), Loch Lomond II.
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's, (dun), Dundee.
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's, (white), Loch Tay.
Mrs. R. M. Dyer's, (bay), Easing Wold.
Mr. P. W. Dee's, (bay), Green Slip.
Mr. Eve's, (bay), Gala Eve.
Mr. Eve's, (grey), Twilight Eve.
Messrs. A. S. Gubbay and Co's, (grey), Soho.
Mr. George's, (dark grey), Horsford.
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's, (grey), The Grouse.
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's, (crown), The Gannet.
Lt. Hanko's, (grey), Sidi Bishi.
Mr. Ho Kom Tong's, (grey), Musonic Hall.
Mr. Ho Kom Tong's, (chestnut), Temple Hall.
Mr. Ho Kom Tong's, (chestnut), Liberty Hall.
Mr. Hostie's, (grey), T'Haugh.
Mr. John Peel's, (grey), Siang River.
Mr. John Peel's, (grey), Little River.
Mr. Johnathan's, (grey), Opium Dick.
Mr. K. H. K's, (iron grey), Golly.
Messrs. Kong Bros., (chestnut), Water Front.
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Mr. K. C. Lau's, (cream), Duke of Normandy.
Messrs. Liang and Lo's, (grey), O-Moon.
Mr. Lighthouse's, (grey), Gap Rock.
Mr. K. C. Lo's, (dun), Wing Sin.
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Mr. R. M. Rocha's, (chestnut), Zed.
Mr. H. A. Seth's, (chestnut), Erstwhile.
Mr. H. A. Seth's, (dun), Meanwhile.
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's, (dark grey), Taran.
Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's, (chestnut), Taranzi.
Mr. E. L. Sim's, (grey), Kaa.
Mr. E. L. Sim's, (grey), Baloo.
Messrs. Tester and Abraham's, (white), Bar Boy.
Mr. H. P. White's, (chestnut), Shingle.
Mr. Wayloong's, (brown), Brown Jug.
Dr. Wong's, (bay), Fair Eyes.
Mr. H. L. Yung's, (grey), Galopin.
Mr. H. Yung's, (grey), Galopin.

The new Sub-Griffins, on the whole, are an average lot and some of them are showing up, especially O-Mosny. The next in order are Loch Tay, Green Slip, Gala Eve, Soho, The Gannet, Sidi Bishi, Opium Dick, Golly, Sea Front, Dumfries, Berwick, Gap Rock, Movannagher, Erstwhile, Kaa, Baloo, Shingle and Fair Eyes. The Officers of the K.O.S.B. are very lucky in their draws, and as their ponies are trained by the No. 1 of the Jockey Club Stables, they may rest assured that their ponies are in good hands. Out of the four, Movannagher is the best and it is hoped that Lieut. Richardson will have the pleasure of leading his pony into the paddock. My fancy is Erstwhile, owned by Mr. Harold Seth, and this "Olo Alder" might lose himself should his pony pass the winning posts first in the Valley Stakes! Green Slip, of the "P. W. D.", appears to me to be a long stayer and Mr. White is quite pleased with his Shingle. As we have, another two months for training, it is hard for anyone to pin faith on any ponies, but it is certain that racing enthusiasts will have a job to spot the winner.

Last year I mentioned in my notes that the 1927 Sub-Griffins were an average lot and this was proved without any question. It will be recalled that Kom Tong Hall was the outstanding Sub, during the training, but when it came to battle, he succumbed badly and disappointed the backers heavily. Bing Boy, at the Annual Meeting, never passed the winning posts first, but is now at the top of the ladder of his class with most wins. The list below will show that out of 133 races run during the 1927 Season, the Subs. won 31 races, which not only reflects great credit on the Chinese dealer but also the Stewards.

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| Potentush | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Skido | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| King Alan | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Tanglo | 2 | 3 | 2 |
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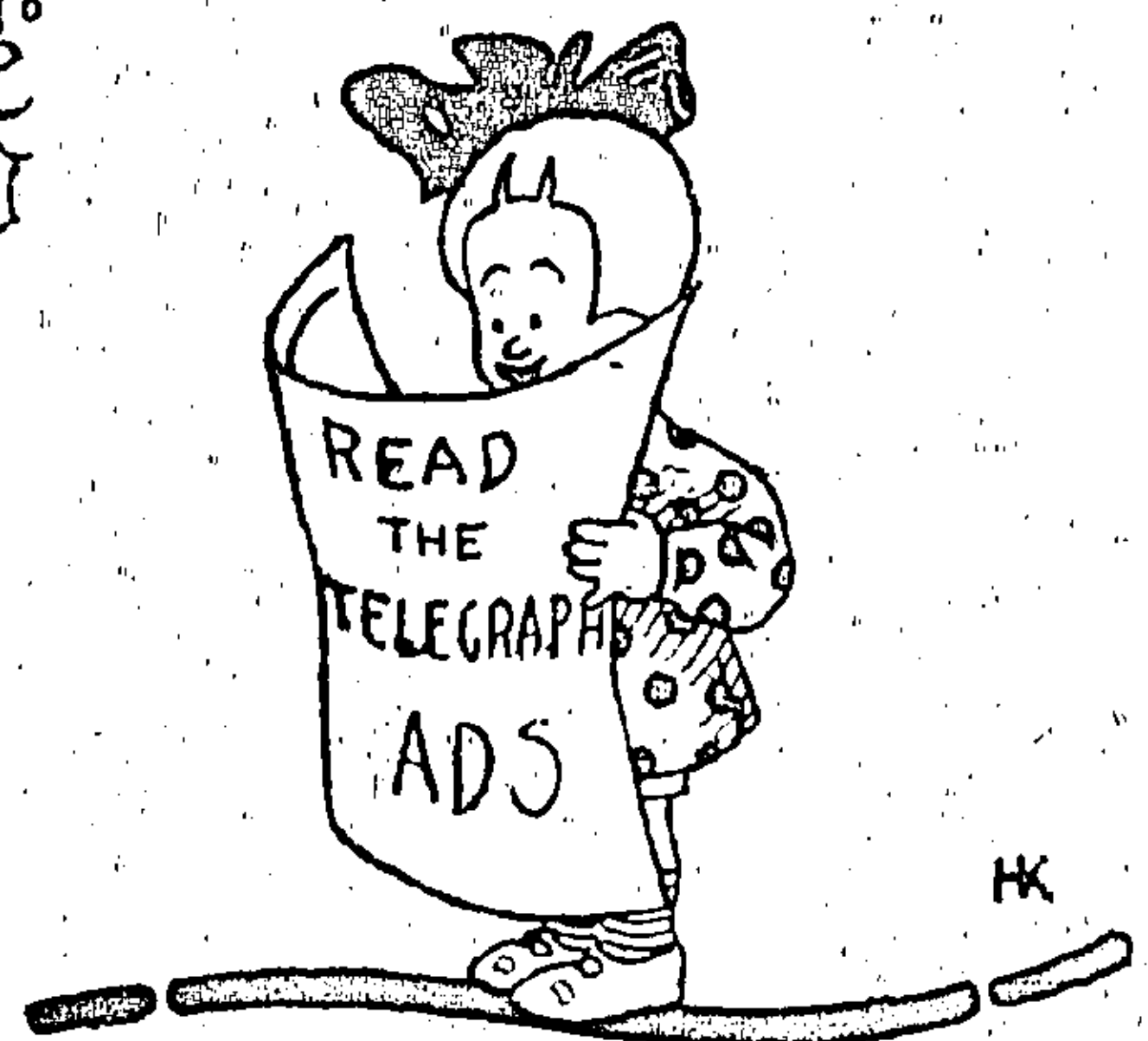
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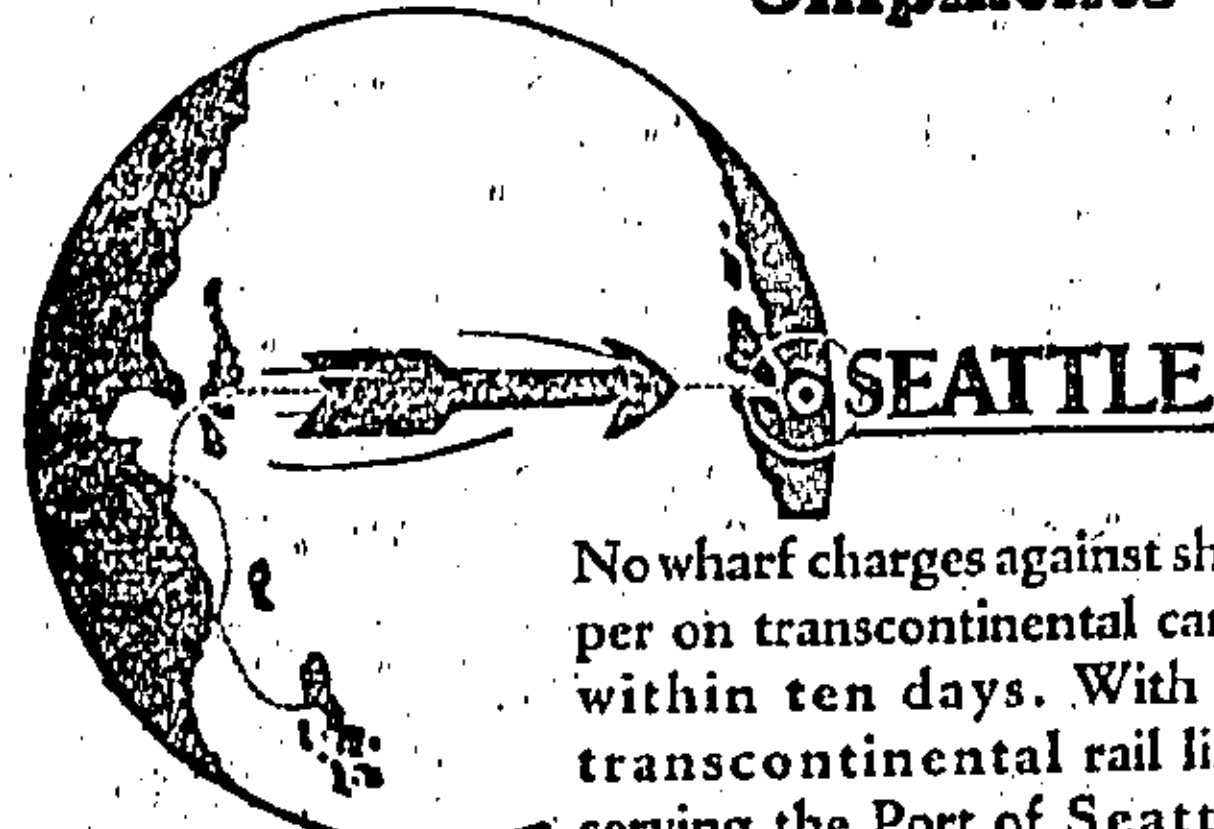
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RECENT MOTOR FATALITY.

CORONER'S INQUIRY INTO TRAGIC ACCIDENT.

Saturday night's motor fatality in which Leading Aircraftman French lost his life, was recounted at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Mr. W. Schofield, sitting as Coroner, conducted an inquiry into the circumstances of the death of the deceased.

It was given in evidence that the point where the accident occurred was in a highly dangerous condition owing to the absence of any precautionary lights to indicate that the road was under repair, especially as a bank of mud projected towards the middle of the road for a distance of about three feet.

The jury impanelled to investigate the cause of death comprised Messrs. Reuben Abraham, A. K. Mason and A. E. Gutierrez.

Flying Officer V. Fowler, adjutant of the Royal Air Force, occupied a seat on the bench beside the Coroner.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, jur., instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, snr., watched the proceedings on behalf of Mr. D. S. Pethick and prior to any of the evidence being taken, suggested that in order for the jury to properly appreciate the evidence, the Court should visit the scene and if necessary see the cycle as well.

His Worship agreed that it would be of benefit to the jury to see the locality but said that before doing so he proposed to take the medical evidence.

Mr. d'Almada raised no objections and Dr. J. E. Dovey then went into the witness box. After deposing to the body having been identified by various members of the Royal Air Force, Dr. Dovey described the nature of the injuries sustained by the deceased.

At the time of the post mortem examination which was at 11.50 a.m. on December 11, the body was fresh and in a state of rigor mortis.

Fissure Fracture.

At the back of the head there was a deep cut one inch by half an inch extending down to the bone.

There was considerable bruising around the area and on opening the skull a fissure fracture was found. It began half an inch behind the right ear and extended downwards to the base of the skull and across the base of the skull beyond the middle line. There was considerable internal haemorrhage but no other injuries to the body. All the other organs were healthy.

The cause of death, continued Dr. Dovey, was certified as "fracture of the base of the skull, internal haemorrhage, shock and concussion."

Cause of Injury.

The Coroner: In your opinion would an injury of this character have resulted from collision with the road surface?—In my opinion, yes.

Sub-Inspector Smith: Would a wound of this kind be caused by a hard blow or an ordinary fall?—Not by a direct blow but by an indirect blow.

His Worship: What would you describe as an indirect blow?

Dr. Dovey replied that it would best be explained in respect to fracture of the ribs. He pointed out that should anything heavy fall on the chest the ribs would fracture at the sides. So also would the weakest part of the skull be fractured by the top striking heavily against a hard surface.

After Sub-Inspector Vincent had produced photographs of the scene and motor cycle, the Court adjourned and visited the locality of the accident.

Cycle Examined.

Evidence of the mechanical condition of the cycle was given by Sub-Inspector Mason, who tested the machine, the day following the accident. The front off-side mudguard and the front of the rear mudguard were dented. A piece of wood was jammed between the rear mudguard and the wheel. The right front fork was bent and the engine and rear wheel were covered in a thick mass of mud.

The sidecar lamp had been wrenched away from the body but the electric wires kept the lamp from falling. There was other minor damage to the mudguard.

The engine was started up and found to be in good mechanical condition. Both brakes were tested and found to be in good working order.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada witness said that he could give no theories as to how the front fork was bent. It might have been done before the accident. Witness did not think that a human being projected from the side car and thrown across the handle bars, could have caused the damage to the fork.

Dangerous Spot.

Capt. J. Morren, master of the s.s. Kwong Fuk Cheong, said he drove along Prince Edward Road

on a motor cycle between 11.10 and 11.20 p.m. last Saturday. Witness was travelling from Kowloon City towards Nathan Road.

Some distance from the nullah witness saw a bank which appeared at first sight to extend across the road. After approaching very carefully witness noticed a bank extending three feet beyond some railings. There were no precautionary lights at this point and the following day witness reported the matter to the Police.

Answering Mr. d'Almada witness said he had been travelling at about twelve miles per hour. On seeing the bank he decelerated and slowed down.

Mr. d'Almada: Had you been going faster, say 20 to 25 miles per hour, you might have had an accident?—Quite possibly.

Have you had much experience of driving?—About twelve years. And you consider that one of the most dangerous obstacles you have ever come across in your experience?—I do, absolutely.

Mr. Pethick Called.

Mr. D. S. Pethick, chief officer of the s.s. Wai Shing, who was driving the combination, was then called. He said that he had attended the dance at the Kowloon Docks last Saturday night, when he met the deceased whom witness invited to a ride in his motor cycle. They went along Kowloon City Road and then turned into Prince Edward Road.

Continuing witness said, "On approaching this obstacle I saw the fencing when my light shone on it. I was driving the cycle about a foot to the left of the centre of the road. I halted over the fence a clear berth and the next thing I knew the cycle hit the mud. I was thrown off the machine. I don't know what happened after that; the next thing I knew was that the cycle had stopped and I had one leg entangled on top of the machine. I had a damaged shoulder and knee and was scratched across the top of the head."

Questioned by the Coroner witness said that he did not see what happened to the deceased. On seeing that there was no passenger in the side car witness looked around and saw the deceased about 25 feet behind. He appeared to be badly hurt and unconscious and was bleeding from the head.

Assistance Summoned.

A motor car appeared on the scene and witness asked the driver if he knew where the nearest doctor resided. The driver did not appear to understand and witness took the car to the Mongkok Police Station for assistance. A message was sent for an ambulance and witness together with a Police Sergeant returned to the scene of the accident.

Witness added that he thought he and the driver had moved deceased slightly to the side of the road to permit the car to pass. He could not, however, be certain of this.

In reply to Sub-Inspector Smith, witness said that about ten seconds before the accident the deceased remarked upon the excellent running of the engine.

Witness said that he did not think it possible that he was so engrossed in conversation with deceased as not to have seen the obstacle, as he did not turn round to answer the deceased. Witness was about one hundred yards away when he first noticed that the road was not perfectly clear. The first thing witness saw was some boarding with a nasty gully on the other side.

Witness judged his speed to be between twenty to twenty-five miles per hour. He did not notice the mud until he was about ten or twelve feet from it. When he did see the mud he swerved slightly but not very much.

Previous Mishaps.

Answering Mr. d'Almada, witness said he had two years' experience in driving motor cycles. He had driven in other parts besides Hongkong, but the machine was always a combination. During the earlier part of his driving he had had some beginners' mishaps but none were ever serious ones. After purchasing his present Harley Davidson, he had run into a heap of sand but there had been no damage caused.

Witness had one previous conviction against him and that was for confusing the traffic signals at the Star Ferry Wharf.

Mr. d'Almada: You had a definite object in taking the unfortunate man for a ride?—I took him around to let him see how the cycle run. The idea was that he would tune it up if he thought necessary. We had already arranged to go for a run on Tuesday afternoon.

Continuing witness said that if he had swerved sharper, there would have been the danger of upsetting the machine.

In reply to further questions witness said he had no time to apply the brakes. His feet were swept off the footboard. When the machine had stopped it was turned around about 70 degrees. It was slightly more than at right

CHINESE WILL.

A BIG FORTUNE IN HONGKONG.

Substantial family bequests are contained in the will of Dong Toy, merchant, late of San Francisco, California, U.S.A., who died at the Dante Sanatorium, on October 15 last year, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$117,400. Probate has been granted to the widow, Chin Shee, 22a Kennedy Road, the executrix.

The will commences:—I, Dong Toy, resident of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, U.S.A., being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, menace, fraud, or the undue influence of any person whatsoever, make public and declare this my last will and testament.

To each of his five daughters he bequeaths the sum of \$5,000. The will directs that his real estate both in the Republic of China and in Hongkong shall be divided into three parts. One part is to go to his wife for the term of her natural life and upon her death the money is to be equally divided between his five sons. The remaining two portions he bequeaths to Young Sao-moon and Wong Mae-goo, both living in his house in Hongkong, with a similar provision that upon their deaths the estate be divided equally between the five sons.

All the residue, real, personal, or mixed, he bequeaths in equal shares to his five sons.

RADIO TELEPHONY.

TESTS BETWEEN HOLLAND AND JAVA.

Batavia, Dec. 8.

The first successful radio telephone test for Press purposes between Europe and Asia has been made by the Netherlands traffic administration at the request of the Aneta Press Bureau, through the Kootwijk sender PCLL.

Yesterday at 9 p.m. Java time a very clear transmission was made from the studio of the postal administration at The Hague. The English language was used, as in addition to the Dutch Indies, Reuters offices in Cairo, Bombay and Shanghai had been advised beforehand and listened in.

The Radio-Holland Company installed a receiving apparatus at Tandjong Priok and the Aneta building, Weltevreden. The first two receptions were fair and the third very clear, every word being heard. The voice of the Aneta representative at The Hague was clearly recognizable.

The test lasted nearly two hours and a speed of 60 words a minute was maintained. Reception at Weltevreden via Bandoeng was generally clearer than that of the long-distance telephone between Sourabaya and Batavia and about the same as that of the ordinary local telephone.

POKFULAM PROPERTY.

TWO HOUSES PUT UP FOR AUCTION.

There was only one bid of \$12,000 for houses Nos. 1 and 2 Ellen-bud Villas, Pokfulam, which were put up for auction by Messrs. Lamert Bros. at their auction rooms in Duddell Street yesterday afternoon, by order of the mortgagee. This figure was not improved upon and the property was withdrawn.

The property is registered in the Land Office as section A of rural building lot No. 175. It contains a total area of about 14,300 square feet and is held under a Crown lease for the term of 75 years with an option of renewal for a further similar term. The proportion of the Crown rent payable is \$50 per annum.

angles to the road, with the front pointing towards the North.

A Chinese who was walking along Montague Ede Road at the time of the accident said that he saw the cycle approaching and as it slowed down he saw the driver fall off. The cycle swerved slightly and then stopped. The driver got up about a minute later and stopped a motor car in which he went away. Seeing that the driver had got up and left the scene, witness thought that there was nothing further amiss and returned to his house in Kowloon City.

Questioned by the Coroner, witness said that he did not see anybody lying on the road. He did not notice whether there were any lights on the roadway. The cycle had been travelling at a speed slightly faster than the usual rate.

At this juncture the inquiry was adjourned till next Thursday afternoon.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

"The real murderer is my master, his Grace the Duke of Altringham. Even in his distress the faithful retainer of the House of Altringham seemed to derive comfort from the sonorous title. He waited for the effect of his dramatic announcement on Dr. Tarleton.

If he had expected the consultant to be overwhelmed he was destined to disappointment. There was no single solution of the mystery which Tarleton had not pondered over during the last three crowded days. The possibility of the Duke's guilt had first occurred to him when his fashionable colleague, Sir Philip Blennerhassett, had so markedly declined to take the smallest part in the investigation; and from that moment he had never once entirely dismissed it from his mind. He was, therefore, fully prepared to receive the steward's accusation, while at the same time he was by no means ready to accept its truth without the amplest confirmation.

He fished out his repeater, and began to swing it furiously in his characteristic manner when considering a knotty problem.

"Go on," he told Burrows, calmly. "I am listening. Tell me everything you know."

Mr. Burrows hesitated, at a loss to begin. Then he blurted out: "In the first place, sir, I must tell you that this man Montacute, or Dunlop, as his real name was, was the Duchess Amy's husband."

"Crash! The fifty-guinea watch flew out of its owner's fingers, half across the room. At last the expert had been fairly taken by surprise. He had expected to hear anything but this.

He got up, muttering to himself, and went to pick up his cherished plaything. Luckily the carpet was a thick one, and the royal memento had suffered no perceptible damage. He put it to his ear, and gratefully listened to its musical record of the hour. Then he returned, rather ashamed of his nervous system for giving way so easily, and sat down to hear what else his visitor had to reveal.

"They had been married privately when they were both beginning to go on the stage, because they were afraid, I might tell against them in this profession. Her Grace—I should say Mrs. Dunlop—knew that her face was her fortune, and that it would choke off admirers if it got about that she was a married woman. I only wish it had got about and choked off my master," the steward added bitterly.

"And how do you come to know all this?" inquired the specialist.

"I'll tell you, sir. But first of all I ought to say that however privately they managed it they couldn't help people seeing that there was something between them. Naturally, it was thought that they were what they shouldn't be to one another, but no one ever guessed the real truth. Meanwhile I suppose they had got a little tired of each other, and then came his Grace's offer of marriage. I don't say he offered marriage right off; in fact, I know he didn't, because I was in his confidence right through. He offered her a settlement, first five thousand pounds and then ten thousand pounds a year; but she wouldn't take it. (She was a clever, ambitious woman, and when she saw how far he was gone she made up her mind to be a Duchess. I was going to and to between them, and I could see how the hand lay pretty well."

"But what about her husband?"

"I suppose they must have come to some agreement, I don't exactly know what. As I was saying just now, they had cooled off a bit, and he was paying attentions to Lady Rosa, though his wife didn't know that. I have an idea that they agreed to say no more about the marriage, and let each of them marry again if they felt inclined. Of course, the Duchess may have promised him money as well, but that I can't say."

"Well, never mind."

"His Grace couldn't help having some idea that she had led a pretty past but he shut his eyes deliberately and married her. They went over to Paris and were married in the Embassy, and I was best man. Mademoiselle was a sort of bridesmaid. She had been sharing the same flat with Mrs. Dunlop before, and had found out about the secret marriage. Of course, that was why the Duchess had to take her on as maid, or you might say as companion."

"Surely the Duke must have seen what kind of woman she was. Didn't he object?"

"He doesn't sir, that's the truth. He knew that his wife's character was bound up in a manner with Mademoiselle's, and if he was to believe in Duchess Amy he must believe in her too. It was just a

case of shutting his eyes and determining to be blind."

"Yes, no doubt you're right."

"It was the name when the family began to make a fuss. He had given them no chance to object before the wedding; but the moment it was announced they raked up the new Duchess's past life. Sir Charles Beaumanoir himself warned his Grace that she had had relations with Montacute, and he was forbidden the house in consequence."

"Ah! So that was the real reason."

"That was the real reason, sir, though it was given out that it was because his Grace objected to him courting the Lady Rosa. Even if Sir Charles hadn't interfered, I should have suspected something from their manner when they were together. I rather thought that their Ladyships suspected something too, Lady Agatha as well as Lady Rosa."

"I see," Tarleton became thoughtful. "Perhaps that accounts for Lady Agatha's language about a House of Sin."

"I'm not sure, but I think her Ladyship came to find out something afterwards."

answered. "She was out very late sometimes on her work as a sister, and I fancy she must have seen that something queer was going on in the house. But she never said anything to me."

"Well? You haven't told me yet how you came to discover all this."

"It was an accident, sir. I make it my duty to go downstairs in the night now and then to make sure that all the men are in. You have got to keep a sharp look-out in a large establishment like ours. No matter what character you get with them, it doesn't do to trust them too far. Well, one night as I was creeping downstairs in a pair of list slippers, not making a sound, I met Mr. Montacute coming up."

He paused, as though to let his listener picture the scene of that midnight meeting between the Duke of Altringham's faithful watchdog and the husband of the woman his Grace believed to be his wife.

"I turned on my electric torch and recognised him at once. He made no attempt to run away. I asked him what he was doing there, and he said, 'Let's go into one of the rooms downstairs and I will explain to you.'"

"I took him into my room, and he sat down quite coolly, and told me the whole story. Of course he had nothing to be afraid of. He was her Grace's real husband, and he had the law on his side, in a sense. He swore to me that he had only come to see his wife on business, but, naturally, I didn't believe him. From various things I came to the conclusion that he was sorry he had let her go, and was trying to persuade her to leave the Duke and come back to him."

"That looks as if he had some remains of good feeling," Tarleton interposed.

"Perhaps he had, sir, though I never saw any good in him myself. It struck me that he was just bullying his wife. I won't say blackmailing, because I don't think he took any money from her. If that had been what he wanted she could have got rid of him 'soon enough. She had only to ask his Grace for anything she wanted."

The outlines of the whole tragedy were gradually becoming distinct in the investigator's mind. It seemed to be a shocking parody of the "Epoch Arden." The young engineer had repented of having so lightly parted with his wife; and perhaps increasing prosperity in his vocation had emboldened him to ask her to return to him. But she had been of a different mind. Either her love for him had altogether faded, or else the splendour of her new station had overpowered every other consideration. And it might be argued that she was with him in her rights in refusing to renew a bond which had been broken by mutual consent. The whole situation presented a moral tangle which the specialist did not find it easy to untie.

Burrows continued his revelations.

"Mr. Montacute asked me if I meant to tell the Duke. I hardly knew what to answer, because I dreaded speaking to his Grace. I was afraid of how he would take it. In the end I said I would do nothing for the present if he would promise not to come again. He gave me his word, but he didn't keep it."

"Did you ask him how he got into the house?" the doctor inquired.

"No, sir. I didn't think of that. For aught I knew he might have been let in by one of the servants. The next thing that happened was that Mademoiselle spoke to me. He must have told her, or told his wife, who got Mademoiselle to

YANGTZE ITEMS.

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The Nationalist Government points out that this momentous event was forced upon it by the startling events in Canton on the 11th. It was discovered that this uprising was made possible because the Soviet consulate and the commercial agencies "were, actually accomplices of the communists, having long since permitted the use of their premises as a base of communist operation," which was a flagrant violation of international ethics. The Nationalist Government has learned that similar risings were planned in other important places in Nationalist territory. Incidental to the Communist party's elaborate programme for the destruction of the Kuomintang, and the Nationalist Government, are determined to stamp out the communists who have always been a source of incalculable dangers.

Quo Tai-chi, interviewed the United States Consul General, Mr. Cunningham, who is Senior Consul, also Major Hilton Johnson, Commissioner General of the International Settlement this afternoon, on the subject of carrying out the closure of the Soviet Consulate and the Dalbank, the notorious fiscal agents of the Soviet, whose Consul General Mr. Kovlovsky, refuses to make any comment pending instructions from Moscow.—*Reuter*.

Consul Handed Passports.

Shanghai, Dec. 15. Quo Tai-chi, the Nationalist Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has handed the Soviet Consul-General of Shanghai his passports and requested him to leave Nationalist territory within a week.—*Reuter*.

Captain Scott's ship, *Discovery*, was "on view" recently in her berth at the West India Dock, where she returned after her long voyage, during which research was made under Commander Sternhouse into the whaling industry in the Southern Seas and Antarctic. There was a constant stream of visitors, among the first to arrive being Miss Scott, sister of the famous explorer. Third Officer Sanderson, Boatswain Carrell, and members of the crew—one of whom wore Esquimaux dress—answered endless questions about the ship's outfit and the crew's experiences.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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sound me. I promised again that I would say nothing, on condition that Mr. Dunlop didn't come again. But evidently they didn't trust me, and Mrs. Dunlop, as she ought to be called, set herself to poison the Duke's mind against me."

"How do you know that?"

"Because of what his Grace said to me. 'I hadn't breathed a word when he called me into the library one day, soon after, and charged me with it.'"

"Charged you with what?"

Tarleton raised his eyebrows in sheer bewilderment.

"Charged me with having secrets from him. I was as much surprised as you are, sir. I asked his Grace what he meant, and he said the Duchess had cautioned him against me. She had told him that her cousin—she called Mr. Montacute, her cousin—had been pestering her for money, and that she had refused it. Of course, this sounded true, because she hadn't asked the Duke for any money lately. Then she said that I had been spying on her and found out something, and that I had asked her for money to hold my tongue. Just think of that, sir! I, whose father and grandfather have served the Dukes of Altringham for more than a hundred years!"

Poor Burrows was scarcely able to go on, so deep was his emotion. The investigator tried to comfort him.

"You mustn't mind the slanders of a wicked woman, Mr. Burrows. No one could believe them who was in his right mind."

"Ah, but that's just it. Dr. Tarleton. My master isn't in his right mind when he is under that woman's influence. I don't know if I ought to tell you, but perhaps you may have heard it already: there's insanity in the family."

The consultant gave a slow, deep nod. This time at all events, he was not surprised.

(To be Continued.)

NAVAL NEWS.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Nov. 11:—Commr. A. V. Walker, to *Titanica*, for service in submarines. Sub-Lieuts. R. L. S. Galsford, C. A. Rowe, G. H. Nowell, F. H. Mansell (addl.), M. G. Rimington, R. S. Abram, T. H. Martelli, T. C. C. Lloyd, and R. G. Living, to *Titanica*, for service in submarines.

With effect from Nov. 12 Commander R. Ramsbotham resumes duty aboard in the aircraft-carrier *Hermes*. This ship returned to the *Nore* on Oct. 31 from the China Station, and is to refit and recommission at Chatham. The engineer officer of the *Hermes* is also being changed on recommissioning, and Engineer-Commander George Bevis will be succeeded by Engineer-Commander W. V. Kenaway, late of the Dartmouth.

Seven officers have been appointed during this year for transport duties in China. The Principal Sea Transport Officer, Shanghai, is Captain F. H. Elderton, C.M.G., D.S.O., whose appointment was announced on February 4. The Principal Sea Transport Officer, Tientsin, is Captain T. O. de Wet, C.B.E., R.N.; and Captain E. L. Grieve, D.S.O., R.N., Captain W. H. Whittle, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., and Commander C. C. Cartwright, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., are serving as additional Sea Transport Officers for service in China. Paymaster Commander G. F. Martin, who is an interpreter in Italian and Spanish, and Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander C. A. Gibbs, have also been appointed for transport duties in China.

The following award for life-saving from drowning has just been made by the Royal Humane Society:—Bronze Medal: Sergt. G. W. Martin, D.C.M., Royal Artillery, Headquarters, North China Command, Shanghai, saved Nina Csilivskya, who threw herself into the Whangpoo River in an attempt at suicide at Shanghai on June 1. Martin jumped in from the bank, and after swimming 70 to 80 yards reached the woman, and, in spite of her struggles, succeeded in bringing her to a steam launch near the jetty, when she was got on board in an unconscious state. The water was 30 ft. to 35 ft. deep, and there was a very swift current and dangerous undertow.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. J. A. Duggan, third engineer Ningpo, has gone third engineer, Newchwang. Mr. J. B. Smith, third engineer, Newchwang, has gone third engineer, Ningpo.

Mr. R. L. Ingledew, sup'y third engineer, Sinkiang, has gone sup'y third engineer, Antung. Mr. C. E. Stuart, third engineer, Antung, has gone third engineer, Kaying. Mr. A. W. Norrie, third engineer, Kaying, has gone acting second Kueichow.

Mr. W. Niblock, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief engineer, Yunnan.

Mr. G. W. Clark, second engineer, Shengkang, has gone acting chief engineer, Tientsin. Mr. A. Jeffrey, third engineer, Suifang, has gone acting second engineer, Shengkang. Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Suifang.

Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, third engineer, Taming, has gone third engineer, Chekiang. Mr. S. Dumbreck, third engineer, Chekiang, has gone third engineer, Taming. Mr. A. B. Bowler, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, Tientsin.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, sup'y chief engineer, Hsin Peking, is on reserve.

Mr. J. W. Waterson, third engineer, Hsin Peking, is on reserve.

Mr. J. W. Waterson, third engineer, Chenan, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Findlater, sup'y third engineer, Kwaisang, has gone third engineer, Kutwo. Mr. F. J. Fowles, third engineer, Kwaisang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Turner, sup'y third engineer, Kwaisang, has gone third engineer, Tachow.

Mr. C. J. Grainger, sup'y third engineer, Kwaisang, has gone third engineer, Leesang. Mr. C. Moore, third engineer Leesang, is on reserve. Mr. A. M. Maloney, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Kuanwo.

Captain W. E. Syell, of the *Shukwang*, has gone master, *Asialica*. Captain A. V. Harcourt, from reserve, has gone master, *Shukwang*.—*Shipping and Engineering*.

The U. S. War Department has (says *Reuter*) accepted the offer of Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, to present to the historical museum at Arlington the original of the message sent by the King to President Harding in connection with the presentation of the Victoria Cross to the American Unknown Soldier.

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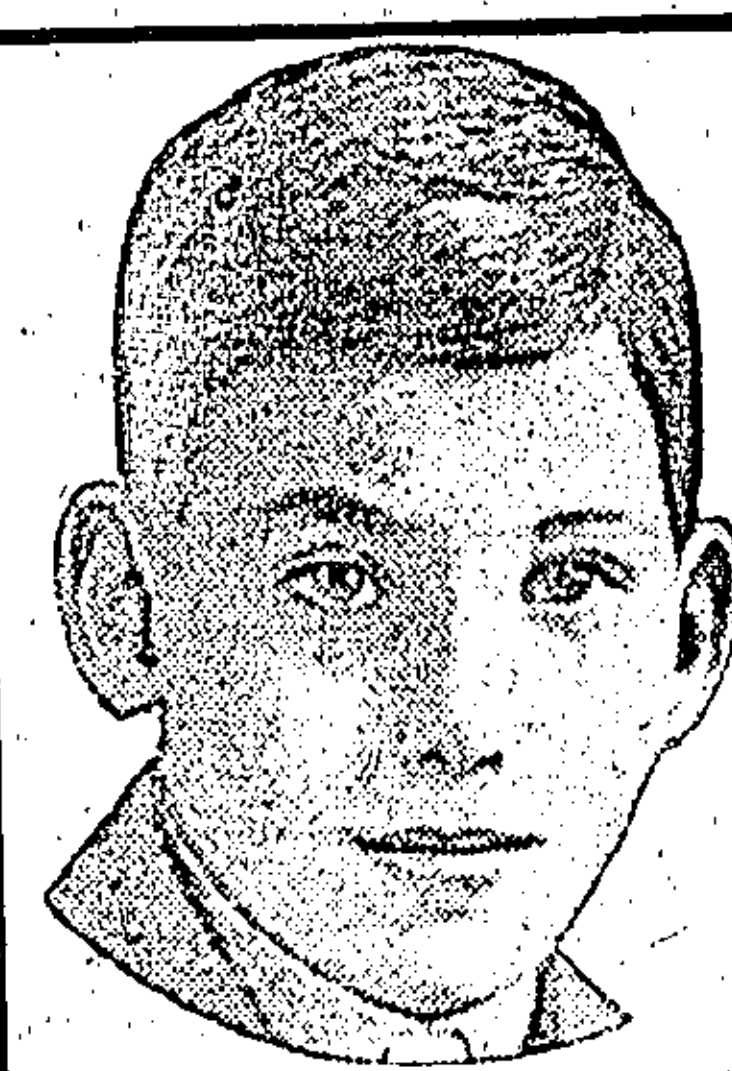
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girl from drowning at St. Leonards-on-Sea, was awarded a memorial certificate by the trustees of the Carnegie Hero Fund at a meeting at Dunfermline, with the undertaking that the case will receive further consideration when need for financial assistance arises.

Colonel Henry Stewart Lockhart Ross, United Service Club, Pall Mall, and William John Mills, commercial traveller, 365, Unthank-road, Norwich, who also attempted to rescue the girl, were awarded an honorary certificate each.

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| KHYBER | 9,114 | 14th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
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ANJOU'S CHIEF OFFICER CENSURED.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office at 10.30 yesterday to enquire into the circumstances of the collision between s.s. Anjou and s.s. Wing Hung in the West River on November 28.

At the conclusion the Chief Officer of the Anjou was adjudged responsible and severely censured.

On the resumption, after the time adjournment, Ip Chu, second engineer of s.s. Anjou, who was on watch at the time of the collision was called. Witness stated that at 1.22 a.m. the starboard engine broke down and he telegraphed the bridge, acquainting them of the fact by putting the telegraph to the neutral position. This was replied to by the bridge and the engine was stopped. The port engine continued going ahead. Some four minutes later, orders were received to stop all engines and yet another five minutes later, orders were received for the port engine to be put ahead. This last order was received after the collision had taken place. Engines were again stopped about 12 minutes later, the ship having meanwhile anchored.

The No. 2 pilot of the Anjou was recalled and warned by the Court of the seriousness of what he would be called upon to say in relation to the movement of the engines ordered by him.

After a great deal of questioning, witness was understood to say that he received a message by telegraph from the engine room to the effect that the starboard engine had broken down and about two minutes later he ordered the port engine to be stopped.

With respect to further engine movements, it proved extremely difficult to elicit reasonable replies from witness, the President threatening to deal summarily with him if questions were not answered as asked.

Witness later stated that not having noticed at what particular time the master appeared on the bridge, he had heard the Wing Hung sounding a succession of short blasts, indicating that she was in danger.

Chief Engineer Heggum of s.s. Anjou gave technical evidence of machinery damage, he stating that a cat-tar pin had dropped out from the low pressure slide valve spindle, thus increasing the strain on the engine. He understood that this had taken place at 1.20 a.m., but was not himself informed later.

The Verdict.

The Court then adjourned to consider the finding which was later read as follows:

"We find that at about 1.30 a.m., on the morning of November 28, 1927, the s.s. Anjou was proceeding through the Sailam Channel on the West River.

The s.s. Anjou in attempting to pass to the port hand of the s.s. Wing Hung passed closer than was necessary taking into consideration the breadth of the navigable channel at her disposal.

That after clearing the Wing Hung the starboard engine of the Anjou broke down, causing her to Starboard thus causing the collision with the Wing Hung and the stranding of the Wing Hung.

We are of opinion that Peter Mackenzie who was Chief Officer of the Anjou and in charge of the bridge at the time of the collision was culpable in that he failed to take charge adequately of the bridge and movements of his ship when chance of collision became apparent, and that he failed to take necessary steps to avert collision in that he omitted to put the Port Engine to "Full speed astern."

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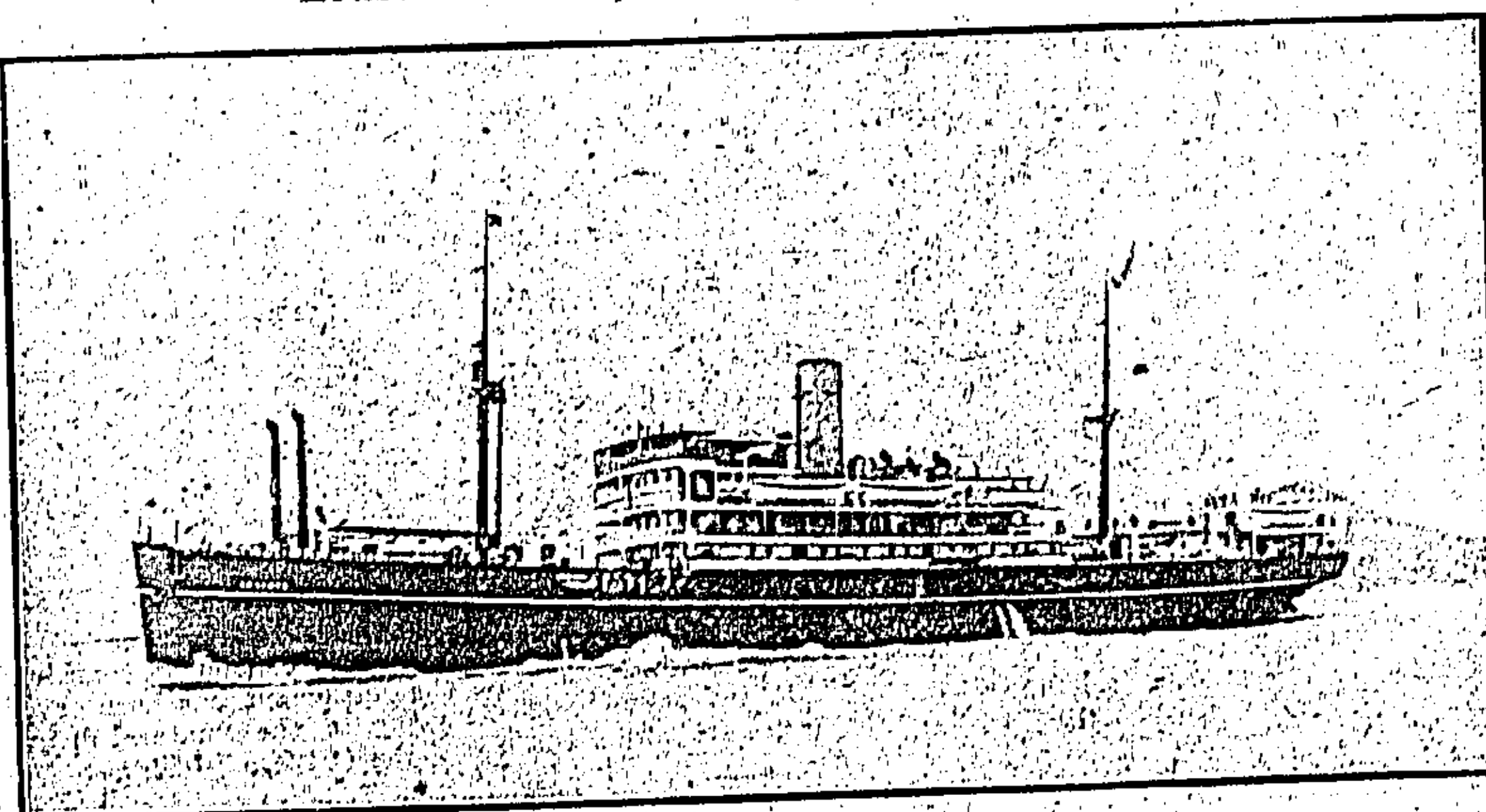
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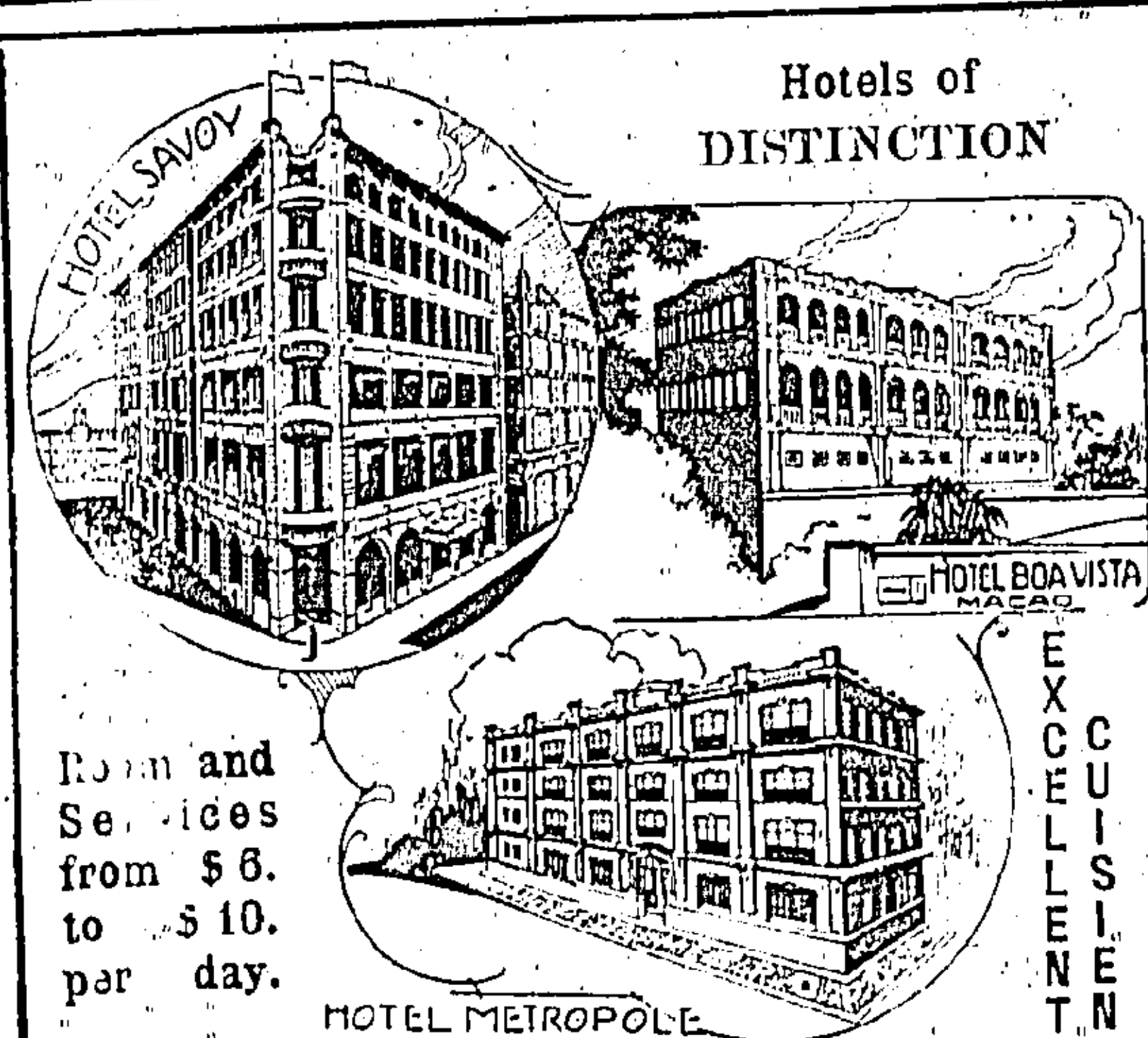
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SOVIET CONSULATE RAIDED.

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could be ascertained, none were arrested on any of the night boats. No deportations have yet been made from the Colony, but it is learned that when one of the Chinese river steamers leaves Hongkong sometime to-day, for Canton, it will have on board some 250 Communists, who are being sent back to the Chinese city to be dealt with by the Chinese authorities.

SHANGHAI CANTONESE.

Big Anti-"Red" Meeting.

Shanghai, Dec. 16. Aroused by the terrible "Red" riots in Canton, the Cantonese here held an anti-"Red" meeting yesterday. A manifesto issued after the meeting contained the following resolutions:

1.—To ask the Nanking Government to issue a mandate for the immediate arrest of Wang Ching-wei and Koo Men-yu, both of whom are accused of being the plotters of the Canton coup and to have been "the running dogs of the Soviet."

2.—To immediately sever relations between the Soviet and the Nanking Government.

3.—The Nanking Government should at once carry out the punitive expedition against the "Iron-sides."

A number of the Nanking leaders, headed by Mr. Tang Chia-yu, have sent a joint telegram to the Nanking C.E.C. requesting the latter to use full powers and take action to eliminate the "Reds" now still in the country. Mr. Tang says that it is a great surprise that Wang Ching-wei and Koo Men-yu, the notorious plotters of the Canton "Red" coup, still hold high positions in the Kuomintang.—Nam Ching Pao.

RIVER TRAFFIC.

More Cargo and Passengers.

The change in the Canton situation has already had an effect on trade. The s.s. Kinshan arrived here last night with more than 800 passengers and heavy cargo.

Practically half a million dollars worth of silk came down last night, consigned to European ports through local firms. It is anticipated that shipments will increase during the next few days, the merchants taking advantage of the prevailing "safe" conditions to clear their stocks.

Many refugees are returning to Canton and the s.s. Kinshan departed upwards this morning with 1,000 passengers, many of whom were Chinese in the saloon and a number of Europeans.

"WHITES" BUSY SEARCHING.

River Steamers Watched.

The master of the s.s. Charles Hardoun reports that prior to the ship leaving Canton yesterday, "White" pickets searched all passengers boarding for Hongkong.

These pickets were composed of members of the Mechanics Club, who have always been anti-"Red" and the searches were carried out in an extremely thorough manner. The searches, both male and female, were all wearing white bands on their arms.

Three suspects were held-up and made to remove the best part of their clothing including shoes. They were variously discovered to be carrying quantities of jewellery and banknotes to a great value. The last seen of them was marching along the Bund under escort, each of the three, being handcuffed and ironed.

Refugees in Junks.

It has been reported from Castle Peak that a junk conveying a number of refugee Communists arrived last night and attempted to land, thus evading search and probable arrest by the Hongkong authorities. The report is unconfirmed.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

Service Being Resumed.

It is notified that as from Tuesday next, the express train formerly leaving Kowloon at 3 p.m. will depart at 2.15 p.m., arriving at Canton at 6.03 p.m.

The following week-day trains have been cancelled:—Leaving Kowloon at 2.35 p.m.; and leaving Shun Chun at 6.46 p.m.

CHINESE REPORTS.

Russians Implicated.

A vernacular report says it has been definitely established that the plot to devastate Canton was engineered by members of the "Red" Council at Tungshan in Canton. A small party of Russian officials, recently arrived in Canton from Russia, is said to have been among the leaders of the "Red" mobs which surged all over the city. These Russian officials, adds the Chinese report, no doubt received instructions from their Consul General, whom the Canton Government now

states to have been the ringleader of the plot.

Continuing, the report says that the premises of the Soviet Consulate have been raided and six Russians (another report says 11) were arrested by Canton soldiers who took the party to the headquarters of General Hsieh Yo, the leader of the 2nd Division. Later, the party was taken out and put in a motor car, on the side of which was a white cloth bearing the Chinese characters "To Revenge the People," and taken to Police Headquarters.

The report concludes by stating that some Russians were executed outside the Public Safety Bureau yesterday, but it is not known whether these include any members of the Consulate staff.

Labourers' New Slogans.

Other reports state that anti-"Red" slogans have been issued and freely distributed by the Labour Unions. Some of these read:—"The Severance of all Relations with Soviet Russia," "To Exterminate all Russians," "To Repudiate all the Destructive Chinese Communists."

The Kwangtung Mechanics' General Association, which is known for its anti-"Red" tendencies, declares:—"It is time all the Canton people should come to the understanding that all Communists among the Chinese should be repudiated for the sake of protecting the rights of the Chinese and the integrity of the Kuomintang."

Meanwhile, conditions in Canton, returning to normal. Business shops, with the exception of the larger ones, are opening again, whilst traffic is everywhere assuming the usual aspect.

The military and civil administrations of Canton are for the present in the hands of General Li Fuk-lam, the Governor of Honan, and his followers. The Canton Political Council issued an edict yesterday dismissing four noted "Leftist" leaders from the Canton Military Council, and Messrs. Wang Ki-cheung, Chang Fat-kwai, Chan Kung-pok and Chu Fai-yi are said to be among those to be sent away. Well-informed Chinese circles are of the opinion that the armies of General Li Chai-sum will soon return to Canton, and probably General Li Fuk-lam will again join hands with Li Chai-sum.

But one thing that puzzles the Chinese considerably is why the Kwangsi-ites in the West River districts have not moved against Canton, as according to popular reports the army of General Wang Shao-hung, the deposed Kwangsi general, is equally big if not bigger than that of the "Iron-sides."

The Round-Up.

The first thing the Canton Police did when Canton had been re-taken from the "Reds" was to round up the "Red" remnants. Labour Unions whom the Government suspected of being "Red" in tendency, were visited by police who conducted the raids by co-operating with members of the Mechanics' Association and other "Moderate" unions. Countless numbers of Communist suspects were arrested and in some cases they were executed by being shot on the places where they were caught.

One Canton report says that within the past two days from 600 to 700 suspects have been caught, a good number of these being executed. Much valuable booty was recovered at "Red" Unions and other places, believed to have been collected and stored up by "Red" desperadoes during the "Reign of Terror."

RELIEF FUNDS.

Hongkong Business Men to Investigate.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Li Hoi-tung, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital and some others will go to Canton to-day to personally investigate the extent to which Canton has been devastated by the "Reds" with the intention of collecting funds in Hongkong to assist the Cantonese in the way of relief.

It is learned that the mission of the Hongkong merchants to Canton is in response to the request of the Canton and local merchants who wrote to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Tung Wah Hospital craving that something should be done for the refugees at Canton.

The Chung Sing Chinese Charity Club, has also sent its representative to Canton to investigate conditions with the hope of being able to collect relief funds.

SHAMEEN DEFENCES.

Weak Against a Night Attack.

Paris, Dec. 16. The China correspondent of *Excelsior* reports that the defences of Shameen are dangerously weak, especially against a night attack, as the foreign settlement depends upon Canton for electric light, which certainly would be cut off if such

IMPORTATION OF WINE.

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Mr. Lindsell:—The police cannot compel them to come to Court. Mr. Remedios:—Surely the police can subpoena them to give evidence.

In reply to his Worship, Serjt. Meadows said he believed the woman was still at Shaikwan and had not gone away.

Mr. Lindsell:—Pending decision on these points you don't propose to call evidence?—No.

Mr. Lindsell:—I am not prepared to decide these points off-hand. It looks as though you have found a loop-hole in the Ordinance.

Mr. Remedios:—Well the Ordinance is very definite and clear. It cannot be clearer.

Whose Duty?

Mr. Lindsell, referring to the section dealing with a report to the Harbour Office, said it looked as though, the charterers, owners, agents and masters were all equally liable to make a report.

Mr. Remedios replied that for a master and an owner to make the same report seemed an absurdity. The question was who was the person to make the report. He submitted that once the master reported to the owner, then it was up to the owner to report to the Superintendent.

Mr. Lindsell:—It clearly means that one or the other has to do it, but at the same time it looks as though, if it is not done, any one of them may be held responsible.

Mr. Remedios replied that the prosecution must prove that the defendant knew the owner had not made the report before he could be held liable.

Mr. Lindsell:—You go as far as that? It is enough if it is proved that no report is made, even if there is an owner. Continuing, he said it seemed to him that all the police had to do was to prove importation, and it was then up to the defence to prove that they imported in accordance with the provision of the ordinance.

It adjourning the case until noon Tuesday the consideration of the point raised, Mr. Lindsell remarked that it was certainly a novel point.

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Berlin, Dec. 15.

The Director-General of the German State Railway is negotiating with the Agent-General of Reparations for payment regarding the flotation in America of a \$100,000,000 loan for development purposes, and also to meet the heavy additional increase in the salaries of State Officials, including railwaymen, which cannot be met out of current railway revenue.

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The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

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an attempt were made. The correspondent considers that the settlement has been saved only owing to the "natural irresolution of the Chinese."—*Reuter.*

Question in Commons.

London, Dec. 15.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Locker Lampson, (Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said so far as was known there had been no British casualties in the recent disturbances at Canton.—*British Wireless.*

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